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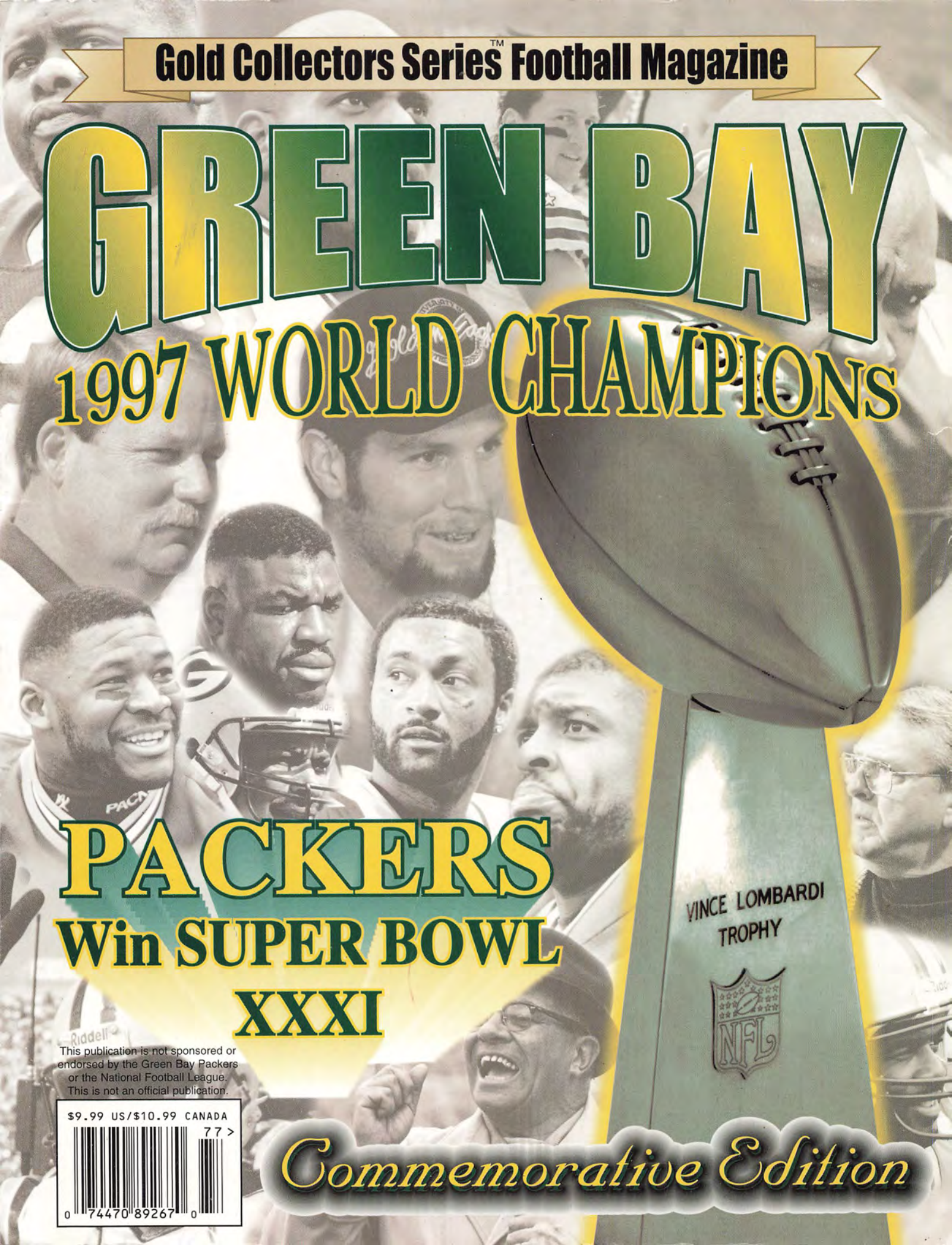

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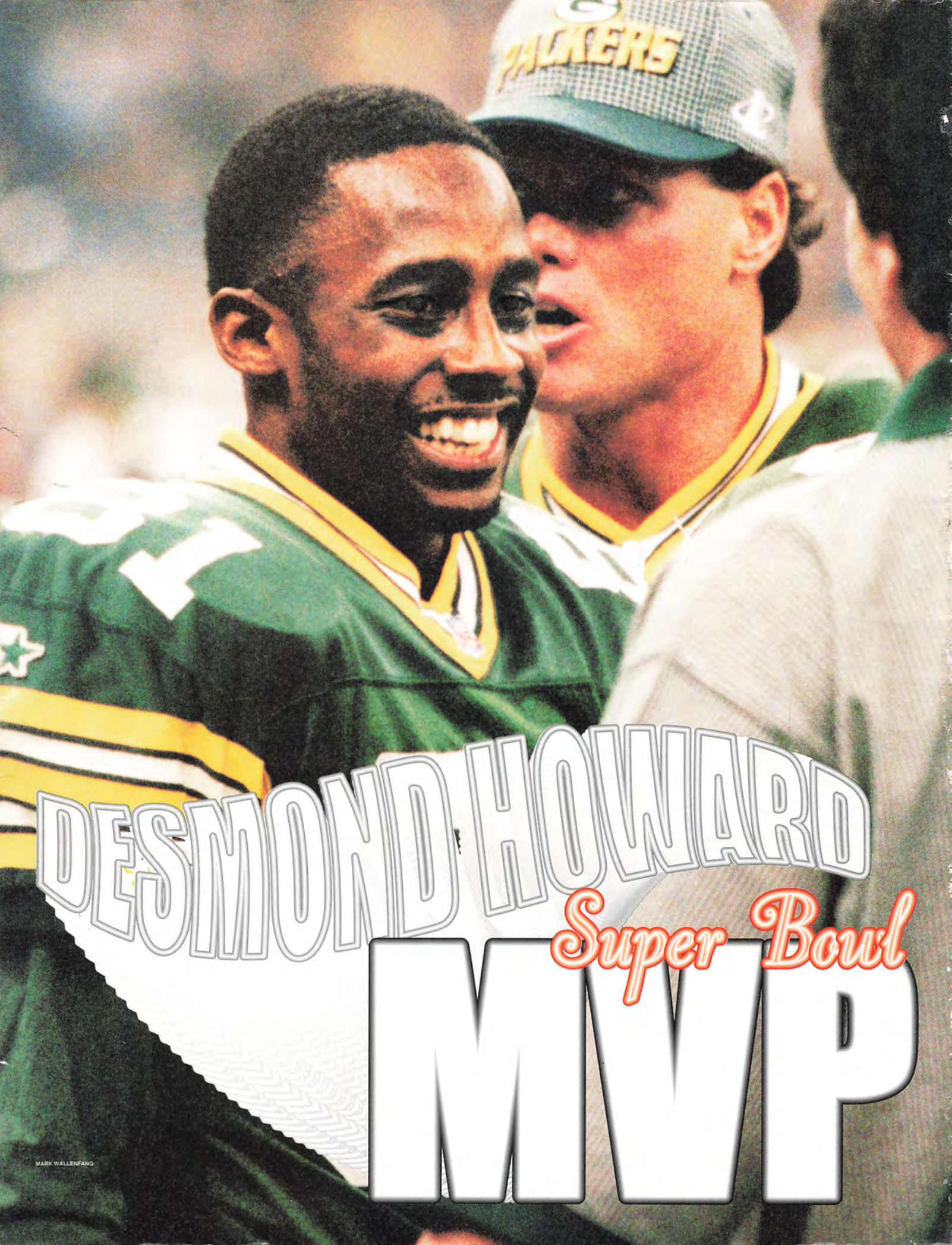
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Antonio Freeman Signals A First Down At The Superdome

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Living The Dream

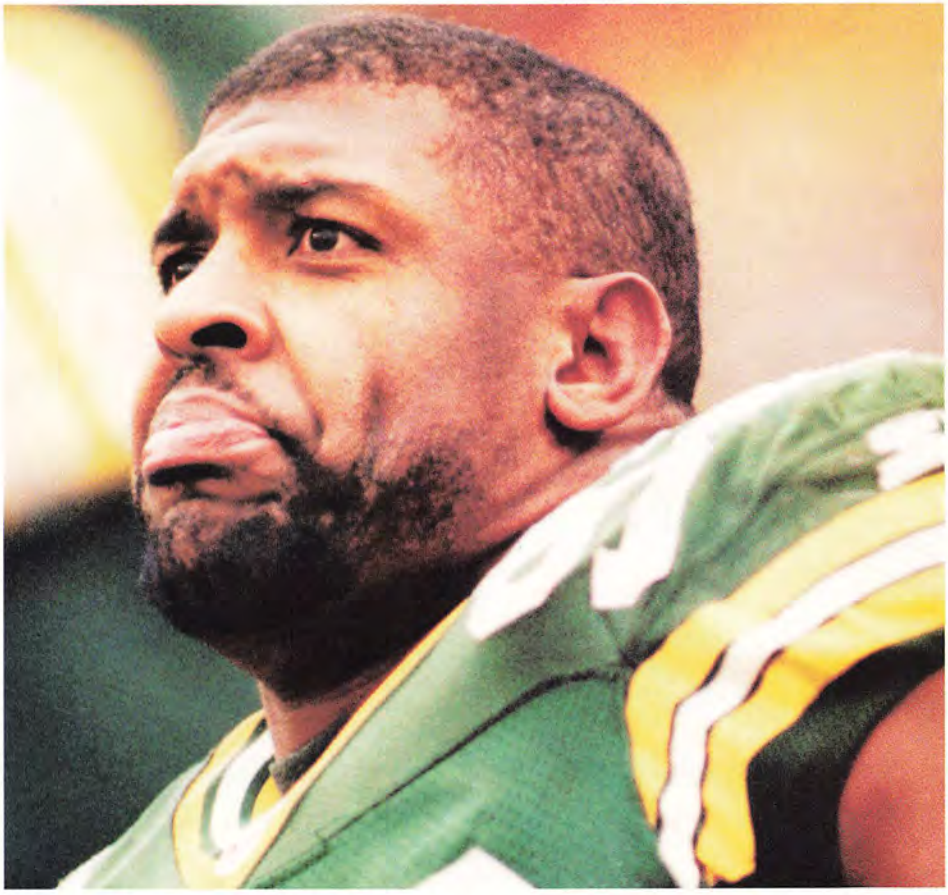
The Green Bay Packers finish off an amazing season with a victory over New England in Super Bowl XXXI.

Feature Story By Jason Wilde

NEW ORLEANS – Amid all the hoopla, all the post-game celebration, all the craziness, there they stood, together. Ron Wolf, Mike Holmgren, Reggie White, Brett Favre – the four men who had brought the title back to Titletown, U.S.A.

Their smiles spoke volumes.

To be sure, the credit for the Green Bay Packers' Super Bowl XXXI victory over the New England Patriots shouldn't go to those four men alone. But it is safe to say that if you took any one of the four out of the equation, the Green Bay Packers' return to glory would never have happened.



Reggie White waited 12 years to get his Super Bowl ring.

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The Boss

When Bob Harlan took over as the Packers' president, he decided it would take two men to equal the legendary Vince Lombardi. Ever since Lombardi, the Packers had felt compelled to have one man assume the role of both head coach and general manager. It never seemed to work.

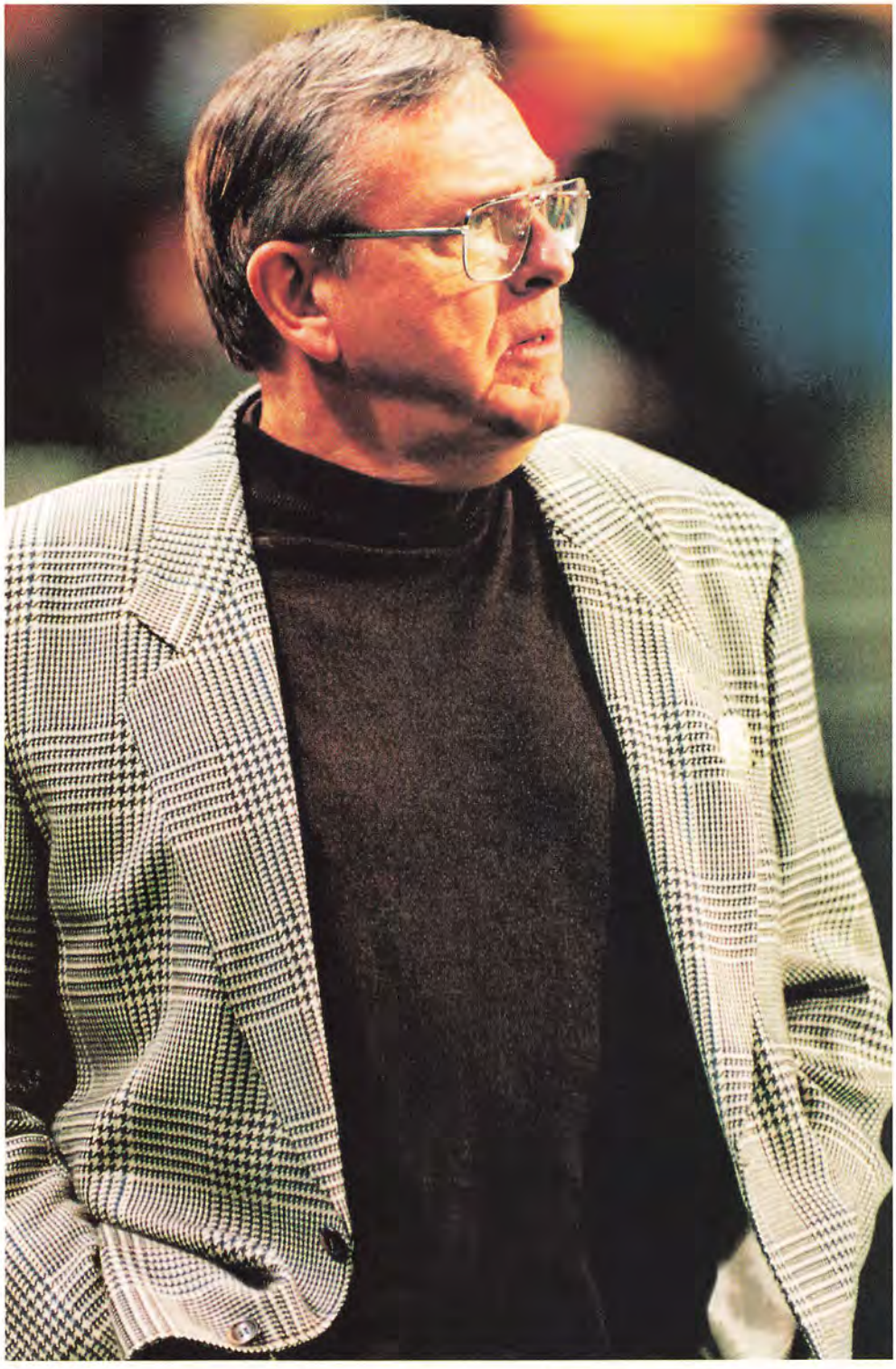
Harlan's first move – hiring general manager Ron Wolf in November of 1991 – proved to be a wonderful fit. Wolf, who had been the director of player personnel with the New York Jets for two years after 25 years in the Oakland Raiders organization, was known around the National Football League as a keen evaluator of talent and a shrewd manager. He would go on to prove both descriptions true.

"I think he resurrected the franchise, quite frankly," Harlan said. "From that day on, I really felt that no one would ever question again who was making football decisions for this organization. I truly believe he is the strongest football personality this organization has had since Vince Lombardi."

Wolf – who now works out of Lombardi's old office inside Lambeau Field – wasted no time turning things around. He fired then-head coach Lindy Infante after a 4-12 season in 1991 and hired Holmgren in January of 1992. A month later, he traded for Favre.

"The impact he made so quickly and the problems he recognized so quickly really impressed me," Harlan said. "He went down to the practice field one day – something our previous general managers had never done – and he comes back an hour later and says, 'You've got a problem on your practice field. It's a country-club atmosphere down there. They're 4-10 and they're walking around like they're 10-4. We've got to change that.' I thought at that moment that Lindy Infante was in trouble.

"With Ron, it's a constant, 24-hour-a-day devotion to making this team better. I think the work ethic and dedication he brought to the job were simply things we did not have present here before."



Packers President Bob Harlan says the dedication and work ethic of general manager Ron Wolf (above), who came on board in November 1991, helped make the Packers a championship-caliber team.

They're definitely present now. While some coaches could be resentful and too egotistical to accept a general manager's stronghold on personnel decisions, Holmgren and Wolf have found near-perfect harmony.

"I said this from the beginning, and I certainly feel it more now than I did when we didn't know each other very well, but I have the best job in football," Holmgren said of his relationship with Wolf. "Ron and I work very hard at our relationship, and what that means to

Packers head coach Mike Holmgren is carried off the field at the Louisiana Superdome after his team's 35-21 win in Super Bowl XXXI.

the success of this football team. I think we both have egos. We do. But he made it very clear early on in our relationship that he didn't want to coach the football team, and I appreciated that.

"He also said that he would never give me a player that I didn't want, and I appreciated that. He does everything for me that I could possibly ask for. And he's really good at what he does."

The proof is in the results: the Packers' first Super Bowl title in 29 years. That title comes with just two players – kicker Chris Jacke and all-pro safety LeRoy Butler – as holdovers from the previous regime.

"The day Ron came in, he was like, 'Look, we're going to change things around here,' Butler recalled. "When I heard what he was saying and saw the things he was doing, I said, 'Now there's a winner.' "

Not that Wolf is satisfied with one Super Bowl title. But, for awhile, he will savor this one.

"People that come in here and play for us and have done well for us, it might not show, but I do have a special affection for those guys," Wolf said. "One thing Mike and I said early was, 'Listen, this is our chance. Let's make the most of it.' "

They definitely have.

The Mastermind

The lesson came in 1990, the first time Mike Holmgren was in New Orleans for a Super Bowl.

That year, Holmgren was the offensive coordinator on a San Francisco 49ers team that had just demolished Denver, 55-10, in Super Bowl XXIV to win its second consecutive title. He and legendary quarterback Joe Montana were the last two people to leave the 49ers' locker room.

A limousine was waiting outside to take him the six blocks from the Superdome to the team hotel.

"There's some policemen there, and they said, 'Coach, we'll take you in the limousine and we'll get you down there (to the hotel),' " Holmgren recalled. "So, I'm feeling pretty good. I'm in the limo, they've got the sirens going. I'm feeling pretty self-important.

"I get to the Hilton, and all of a sudden people are just crowding around the car. I get out and they go, 'Oh.'

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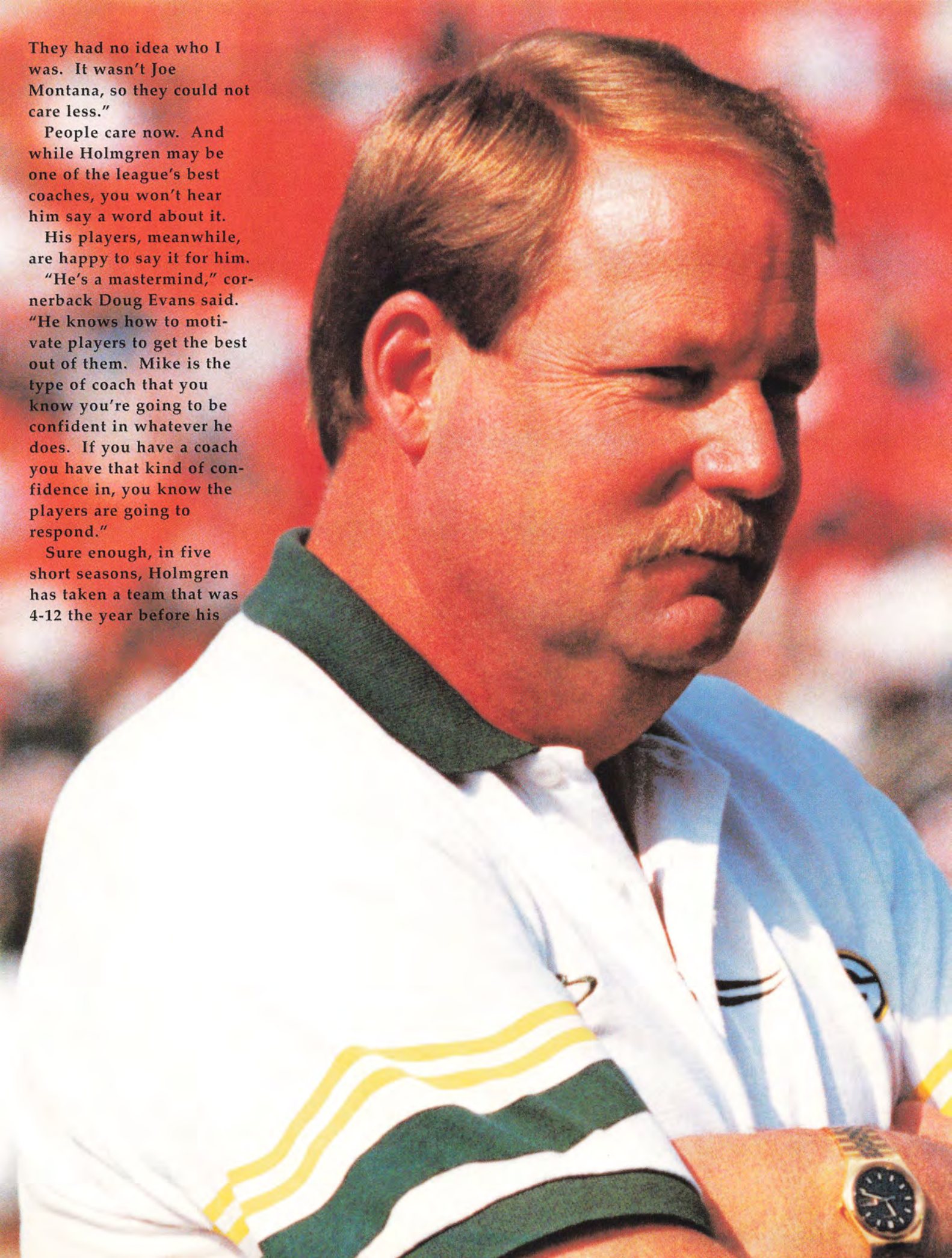
They had no idea who I was. It wasn't Joe Montana, so they could not care less."

People care now. And while Holmgren may be one of the league's best coaches, you won't hear him say a word about it.

His players, meanwhile, are happy to say it for him.

"He's a mastermind," cornerback Doug Evans said. "He knows how to motivate players to get the best out of them. Mike is the type of coach that you know you're going to be confident in whatever he does. If you have a coach you have that kind of confidence in, you know the players are going to respond."

Sure enough, in five short seasons, Holmgren has taken a team that was 4-12 the year before his



arrival to 16-3 this season – with the 16th and final victory in Super Bowl XXXI.

"He's done a great job," defensive tackle Santana Dotson said. "The way the state of football is right now every year you're going to have 12-15 new players on the team. He gets guys who are not only long on talent but on character. He just meshes the whole locker room together. He makes sure we work well together."

Adds safety Eugene Robinson: "They say he's a player's coach, and he is. He's like Mr. Dad."

And yet, to portray the 48-year-old Holmgren as Mr. Nice Guy isn't completely accurate. A large man at 6-foot-5, Holmgren can be intimidating when he loses his temper. And that has happened on more than one occasion.

Holmgren prefers to take a more cerebral approach most of the time. Considering that the former high-school teacher and coach has been a brilliant football man ever since those early days, it's no surprise he typically chooses intelligence over intimidation.

"It was about 15 minutes into the first interview we had," Wolf recalled. "I knew Mike was the guy who'd be perfect for this place."

Holmgren's offensive knowledge took root when he was a brilliant prep quarterback at San Francisco's Lincoln High School, where he was California's prep athlete of the year in 1965 and earned a football scholarship to the University of Southern California.

"Mike Holmgren was the best high-school quarterback I ever saw," Dan Fouts, the San Diego Chargers Hall of Fame quarterback, told a Green Bay newspaper earlier this season.

Holmgren's collegiate career never took off, however. He sat behind Steve Sogge as a sophomore and junior, although that year he did complete 8 of 27 passes for 108 yards and one interception. He was ready to take over as the Trojans' starting quarterback his senior year, but a shoulder injury in a scrimmage a week before the season opener ended that. He spent that season on the bench, behind Jimmy Jones.

"That was the one that really hurt," Holmgren admitted. "I'd waited a long time to play, and then it didn't happen."

Holmgren still managed to be an eighth-round pick of the St. Louis Cardinals in the 1970 NFL draft, but after stints in the Cardinals' and Jets' training camps, he returned to Lincoln to teach and coach. He coached at three different Bay Area high schools before becoming the quarterbacks coach and offensive coordinator at San Francisco State in 1981.

In 1982, Holmgren was named quarterbacks coach at Brigham Young University, where he tutored Steve Young. Holmgren came home again in 1986 as quarterbacks coach of the San Francisco 49ers, and three years later he became the offensive coordinator who masterminded two of the 49ers' Super Bowl victories.

With a resumé like that, Holmgren could have worked just about anywhere. He turned down two NFL head coaching jobs and several college jobs before coming to Green Bay, where Wolf was working on a trade to acquire Favre as the team's quarterback of the future.

"I think I knew immediately, right after I talked to Mike Holmgren and Ron Wolf, that it was going to work," Favre said. "After the trade, they

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phoned me and told me that they were basically trading for me to be the starter here, to be the future here. That was pretty exciting."

Especially exciting was the opportunity to learn from Holmgren. In his 10 years in the NFL, he has worked with three of the greatest quarterbacks of his era.

In San Francisco, it was Montana and Young, who spent much of Holmgren's tenure establishing themselves as future Hall of Famers. In Green Bay, it's Favre, who is the best quarterback in the game today, with back-to-back MVP trophies to prove it.

"All three of those guys are very different, really," Packers quarterbacks coach Marty Mornhinweg told the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel earlier this season. "They all have different styles, but the common thread between Joe, Steve and Brett is that they were all coached by Mike Holmgren."

Those players were made better because of that coaching. If that's not enough evidence, look around the league at starters Steve Bono (Kansas City), Ty Detmer (Philadelphia) and Mark Brunell (Jacksonville). All three were backup quarterbacks until Holmgren got his hands on them.

One of the secrets to Holmgren's success is the way he handles his players. Not only does he treat them well, but he prepares them well.

"A lot of the credit has to go to Mike," Favre said. "We have to play, but he's done an unbelievable job of preparing us. Mike is really fair in that he knows what he's good at, and that's what he does.

"But he's also very good at preparation and little things. He's really good at not just going in and saying, 'OK, we've got to win this football game' and that's it. He really prepares you for one day at a time and takes care of the little things, which a lot of times goes unnoticed."

Not any more.

"One thing you have to understand about Mike Holmgren: He will know what to do," Robinson said. "That's why he's the head coach. He knows what he's doing. The man is no dummy."

The Preacher

When Reggie White decided to come to the Green Bay Packers in 1992, much of the league thought he was crazy.

"I mean, who wanted to come to Green Bay?" White admits now. "I certainly didn't. Keith Jackson certainly didn't. Eugene Robinson certainly didn't. We used to get threatened by our coaches, 'If you don't straighten up, we're shipping you to Green Bay.' "

Then, when White told people why he chose Green Bay, they thought he was even crazier. They respected White – an ordained Baptist minister – and his strong Christian convictions, but when he said that God had told him to go there, eyes rolled and eyebrows raised.

"Why is it when we talk to God we call it praying, but when God talks to us they call us crazy?" White said. "A lot of people may think I'm crazy when I say God talked to me, but it wasn't difficult when God spoke to me. It wasn't difficult at all."

All the so-called NFL experts had White headed for San Francisco, where the money and the tradition – not to mention a better chance at that dream of a Super Bowl – seemed to make sense. But that, White says, was not what God had in mind for him.

"I really thought I was going to San Francisco," White said. "When Green Bay came back into the picture, I prayed. I prayed a lot. And I cried, because I wanted to make the right decision.

"I was somewhat confused because I knew I had heard from God about going to San Francisco. So as I began to pray about it, I'll never forget. I heard a question in my mind, 'What do they call the offense up there?' And I said, 'The West Coast Offense.' And God said, 'Where did the head coach, the offensive coordinator and the defensive coordinator all come from?' And I said, 'San Francisco.' And he said, 'Well, that's the San Francisco I'm talking about. I want you to go to Green Bay.' "

Call it divine intervention.

Green Bay defensive end Reggie White, who signed with the Packers as a free agent in 1993, had three sacks and three solo tackles in Super Bowl XXXI.

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"A lot of people won't understand that," White said. "But now I see why he brought me here. I see the things that have happened since he brought me here. I see the receptions of not only myself but the Lord. I see the way people respect me and my wife when in the past people were only interested in me.

"It's been one of the most amazing experiences I've ever had in my life, to play for this team and to see the response these people have given to the Word."

It was White's signing that triggered the Packers' revival. Suddenly, playing for Green Bay was no longer the NFL's equivalent of being banished to Siberia.

It also began a love affair between White and the people of Wisconsin. After signing a five-year, $19 million contract extension in December, White announced that he plans to move to Wisconsin after he retires.

"I went down to Sheboygan (a smaller town south of Green Bay), where Brett and me did an autograph session, and to see the people down there for autographs was incredible," White said. "And when I began to drive off, they were standing on the highway waving goodbye. I felt like the President or something.

"I'll never forget, as I got on the highway God started dealing with me about coming up here. And I told God, 'If you're going to start dealing with me this way, I'm going to speak at a church in Marshfield tonight, and if they receive me the same way, I know you're speaking to me.' I went to Marshfield, and they had people there at 7 in the morning. The service started at 9 and it was packed.

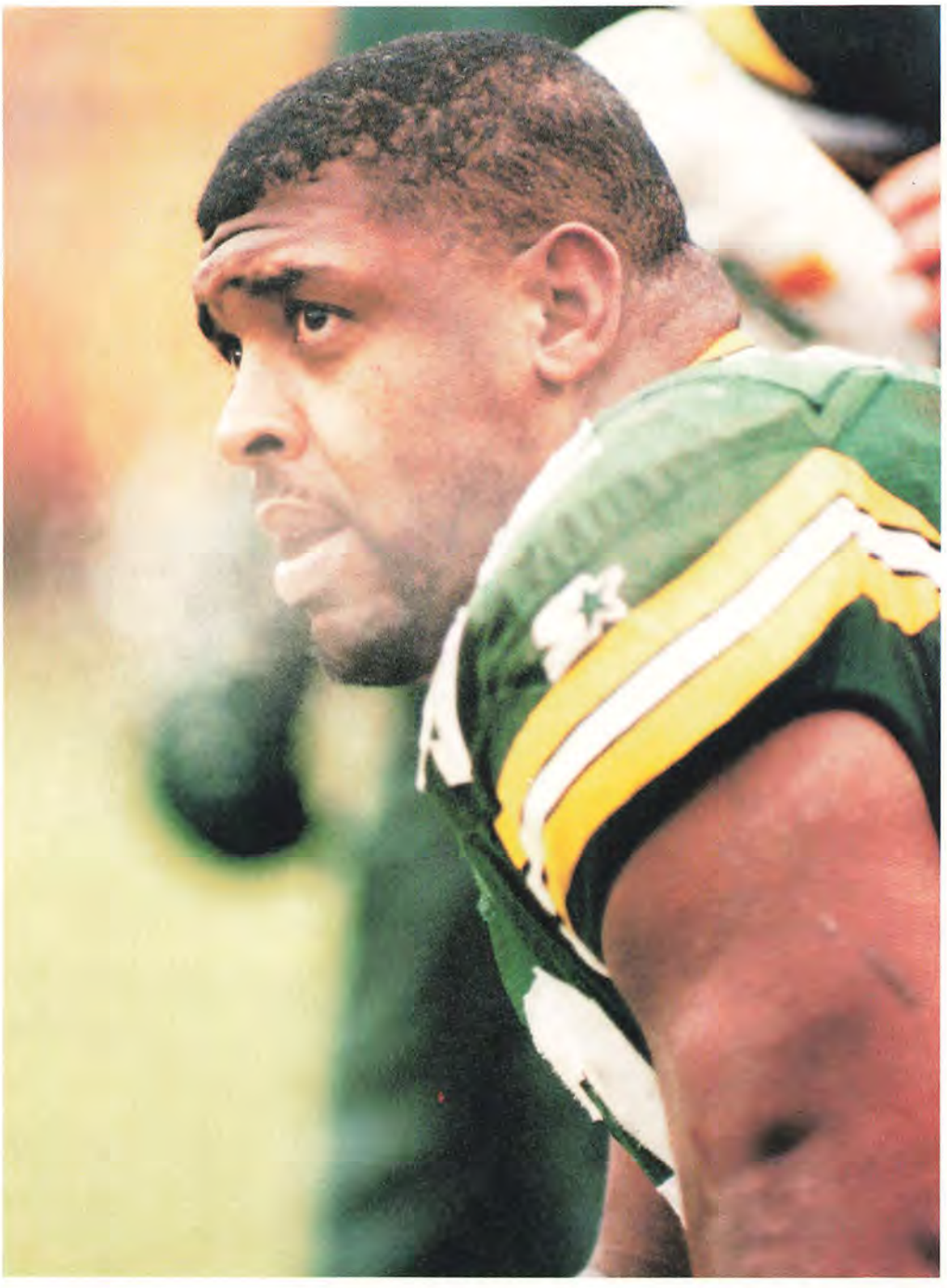
"Where you see God working, that's where you need to be. And I see God working up here. Seeing God working up here, I know this is where I need to be."

On the field, the 35-year-old White has seen his skills diminish somewhat. He is no longer the dominant rusher he was in his youth. But he is still in the Pro Bowl, still feared by opponents, and he still routinely draws double-teams that free up fellow linemen Santana Dotson, Gilbert Brown and Sean Jones.

Perhaps that's what makes winning the Super Bowl even sweeter for White – that God made him wait this long, to a point in his career where he is no longer the best. Of course, with White, it's never just about the game.

"As a football player, and I emphasize as a football player, it means a lot to me, because this is my job and this is what I've worked for ever since I've been playing the game," he said. "It means a lot to me because this is what I've worked for my whole life.

"But I've always known there was a purpose for this chance. Not just so I could put a ring on my finger. This gives me a wider audience to preach and to do more ministry-wise. Ever since I was a kid, I always dreamed of being in a position like this as a minister. I have an opportunity to have an impact on people's lives. I've said it before, it would be great to win a championship. But if I got a ring and didn't have an impact on people's lives, the ring wouldn't mean



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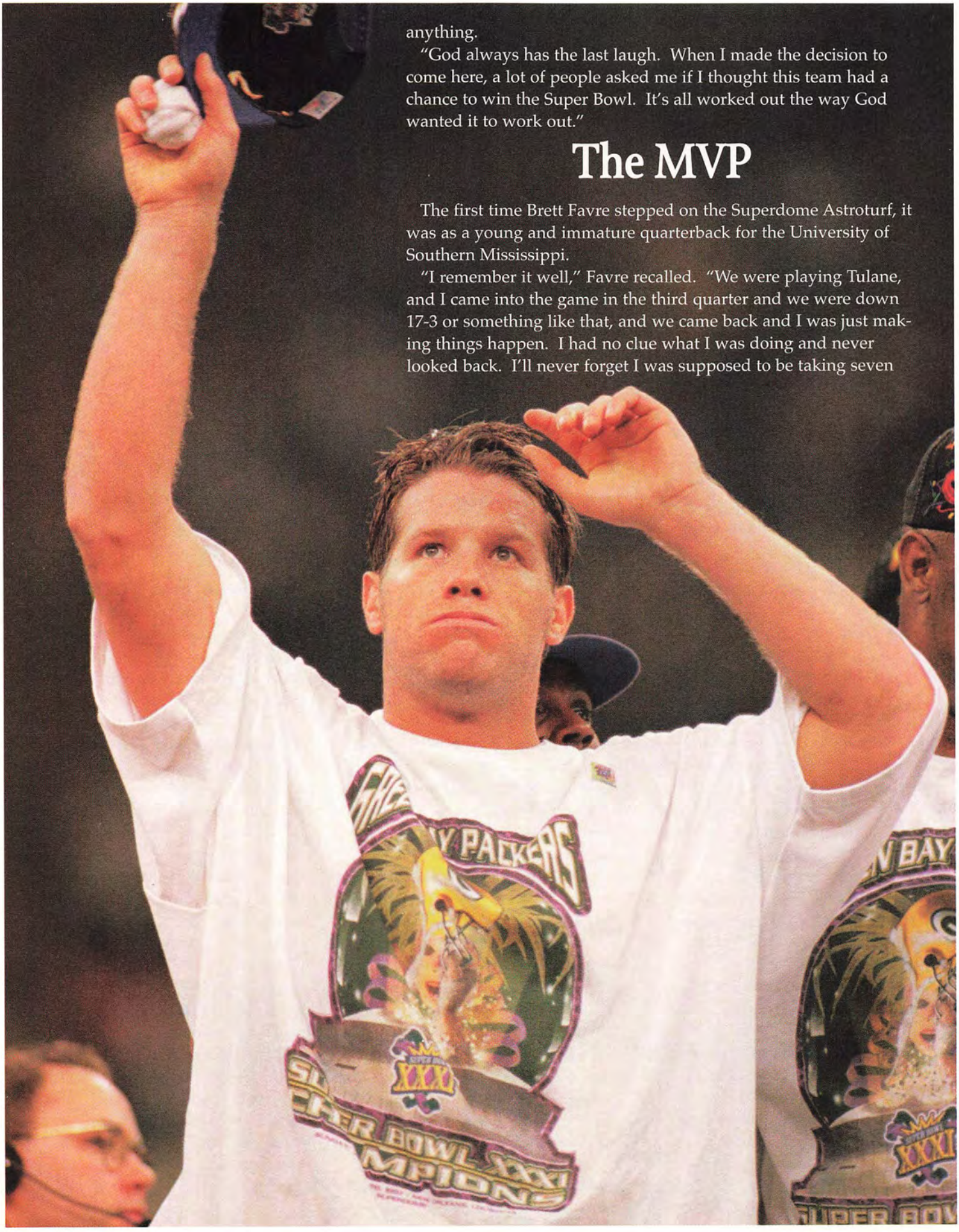
anything.

"God always has the last laugh. When I made the decision to come here, a lot of people asked me if I thought this team had a chance to win the Super Bowl. It's all worked out the way God wanted it to work out."

The MVP

The first time Brett Favre stepped on the Superdome Astroturf, it was as a young and immature quarterback for the University of Southern Mississippi.

"I remember it well," Favre recalled. "We were playing Tulane, and I came into the game in the third quarter and we were down 17-3 or something like that, and we came back and I was just making things happen. I had no clue what I was doing and never looked back. I'll never forget I was supposed to be taking seven



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Packers quarterback Brett Favre gets the ball across the goal line for a touchdown in the second quarter of Super Bowl XXXI against the New England Patriots.

step drops and I was taking nine step drops ... in the football world, you don't take nine-step drops. I was lost."

My, how times change. Now, maturity has become Favre's calling card. When you take into account all that has happened to Favre between winning his first NFL most valuable player award in January 1996 and winning his first Super Bowl title in January 1997, the 27-year-old superstar's success is downright stunning. And it's all because of his newfound maturity.

Start with the Packers' final game of last season, a 38-27 loss to the Dallas Cowboys in the NFC championship. The Packers needed an MVP performance from Favre to beat their arch-rivals, and his 21-for-39 passing day for 307 yards and two interceptions just wasn't enough.

"From our last game last year to sitting here today has been kind of a rocky road," Favre admitted recently. "I don't think too many people were giving me a good shot at not just repeating as MVP, but to even be successful."

The cards definitely appeared to be stacked against him. During the offseason, Favre spent 46 days at the Menninger Clinic – a drug rehabilitation clinic in Topeka, Kan. – to kick an addiction the painkiller Vicodin. He was under orders not to drink alcohol or face an NFL fine of nearly $1 million.

Then, during the summer, Favre's brother, Scott, 29, was arrested on felony DUI charges after an accident that killed a family friend. In addition, earlier this season, Favre's 19-year-old sister, Brandi, was arrested in connection with a drive-by shooting at a motel in Slidell, La.

"It was like people tugging here and there, telling me what I'd lost, and God, how I went from the penthouse to the outhouse that quickly," Favre said. "So, it was like, 'I've got to win the MVP or get our team to the Super Bowl just to get over that.' Because if not, people were going to just keep saying, 'Well, you blew it.' "

But there was more adversity waiting for him on the field as well. He lost his primary receiver, flanker Robert Brooks, to a season-ending knee injury on Oct. 14. Then, he lost second-year star wideout Antonio Freeman for four weeks with a broken arm and tight end Mark Chmura for three weeks with a torn arch.

The injuries were only the beginning. Because of his Vicodin addiction, Favre hasn't been able to take narcotics for the many aches and pains he's sustained playing behind an unstable offensive line that allowed him to be sacked a career-high 40 times during the season. Then there was the retirement of left tackle Ken Ruettgers, who missed most of the season and finally retired on Nov. 20 because of a degenerative knee condition. Suddenly, Favre's blindside was being protected by a rookie (John Michels), a still-learning third-year player (Gary Brown) and a journeyman (Bruce Wilkerson) instead of a 12-year veteran.

"It was like, 'OK, if it wasn't tough enough on (you) to start the season, let's make it a little tougher,' " Favre said. " 'We'll take Robert out. Ruettgers is not going to be back, and that's the most important position on the offense. Then, along the way, we'll take your No. 2 receiver out.'

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"It was like, 'OK, we'll put you to the test and see how you respond.' "

He responded beautifully.

"Brett's done a magnificent job," Freeman said. "I'm sure a lot of people expected him to fall flat on his face.

"He's the commander-in-chief of this football team, and that's what makes it so special. For a guy to go through all that stuff ... he had all these pressures to perform and all these other elements. I mean, if Brett doesn't get us rolling, nobody's going to get us rolling. He's our catalyst. And Brett got the job done."

Did he ever. Despite all the turmoil, Favre led the Packers to a 13-3 regular-season record, tied for best in the NFL with Denver. He threw for 3,899 regular-season yards and an NFC-record 39 touchdowns – breaking his own record of 38 set last season. He was solid throughout the playoffs and made good on his statement at the beginning of the year that it was Super Bowl or bust for his team.

"I remember when I came back from the Menninger Clinic, I said, 'Look, you guys can say what you want to say, but if you don't believe in me, lay your money on the line and bet against me,' " Favre said. "And no one did."

Andre Rison wouldn't have taken that bet, either. The Packers signed Rison off waivers in November, and while he's only been a Packer for a brief time, Rison has Favre pretty well pegged.

"He's Superman," Rison said. "Self-explanatory."

Favre has thrived in the Green Bay system. In 1993, he led the Packers to their first playoff berth since 1982, throwing for 3,303 yards. In 1994, he led the Packers to the playoffs a second time, throwing for 3,882 yards while tossing 33 touchdowns and only 14 interceptions. Last season, he was MVP and led the team to the NFC title game with a touchdown-to-interception ratio of 38 to 13 and a career-best 4,413 yards.

And you now know all about this year.

"Coming into this season, I really wanted to prove to people that it really wasn't that I was back. I never left," Favre said. "I heard a lot of statements like, 'Yeah, he's back' and all that stuff, and I laugh at it. It's like, 'Where did I go?' I'll be there on Sunday, as usual."

He certainly was there Super Bowl Sunday.

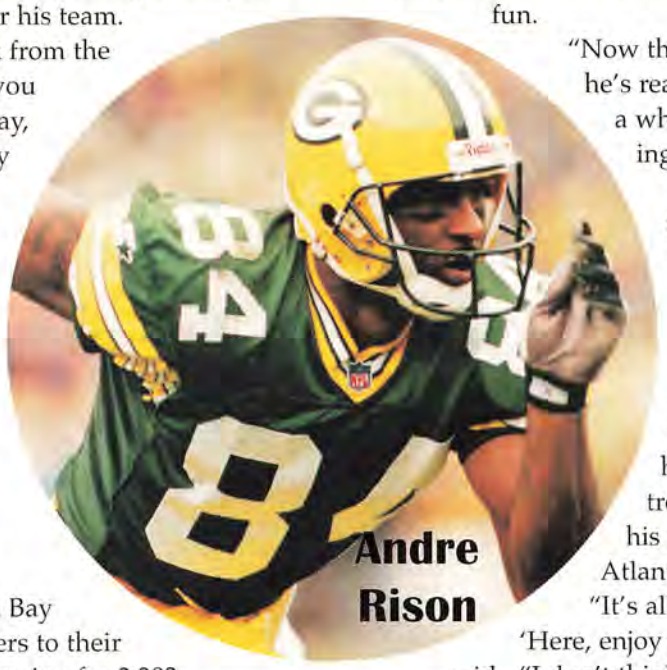
The Pieces

While The Big Four of Wolf, Holmgren, White and Favre certainly deserve most of the credit for the Packers' return to glory, they didn't do it by themselves. What's truly amazing is the way the Packers managed to mesh castoffs and supposed has-beens into a championship team.

Need proof? Start with Andre Rison, whom the Packers signed with six games left in the regular season and proved that all it took for a supposed problem-child to feel at home was to go to the perfect foster home in Green Bay.

When he is given the chance to articulate his feelings, to explain his previous image problems and to put into perspective just what it means to him to be a Green Bay Packer, Rison makes it very hard to hold his past problems against him.

"I have not sensed one selfish thing in him," said Packers receiver Don Beebe, whom Rison replaced as a starter at flanker late in the season. "I think it's just a matter of Andre being on a winning team. I think when you're on a losing team, like he has been in the past, it's upsetting. It's not fun.



"Now that he's in a winning organization, he's really quite nice. I had known him for a while before, and now, it's neat playing with him. It's fun."

Nice. Neat. Fun. Those are three words that very seldom had been associated with Rison during his first eight years in the league.

Instead, he came to Green Bay with a reputation for being petulant, selfish and immature. But he will be 30 years old in March, and he no longer sounds like the childish troublemaker he was considered in his previous NFL stops in Indianapolis, Atlanta, Cleveland and Jacksonville.

"It's all God's work. It's like God said, 'Here, enjoy yourself. You deserve it,' " Rison said. "I don't think he would have given it to me if I didn't deserve it."

Still, there are skeptics, those who say that it was all an act. That Rison has been well-behaved merely because head coach Mike Holmgren has demanded it. That no change took place.

But then you look in Rison's eyes.

"Everything since I've been here has been first class, and I've been a first-class person," Rison said. "It's just that nobody ever really gave me a shot. There were some things I had to patch up as a youngster, and I had to battle some battles that nobody could really see.

" 'He's not disciplined, he runs bad routes, quarterbacks don't throw to him because he doesn't work hard' – all that stuff. They were so blind, wanting to focus on all those negative things."

Rison then looks right at you and explains how his life would have been different had his career – which includes three trips to the Pro Bowl and the 25th-most receptions in

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Super Bowl MVP Desmond Howard cheers on his teammates at the Louisiana Superdome.

NFL history – started in Green Bay.

"I'll tell you what, if I would have been here from the jump, I'd still be going to Pro Bowls and I'd still be leading the league in receiving," said Rison, who passed up a chance to come to Green Bay as a free agent before the 1995 season. "There wouldn't have been any negatives to write about."

He hasn't complained once about not getting the ball thrown to him enough, despite having a limited role in the offense. Instead, he is happy just to be contributing, happy to be a member of the Super Bowl XXXI champions.

But just because he finally feels at home doesn't mean he's lost all his personality. He still has that bravado, that certain *je ne sais quoi* that makes him him. Not everything has changed.

"I still have on a $100,000 watch, a $40,000 ring. I still duck walk. I still dance. I'm still me," Rison said with a smile.

"But I feel comfortable now. This team, we're like brothers. This is the closest I've ever been to teammates as a whole.

"Now, I'm on the field with a real quarterback, playing with a real team, for a real coach. When you've got all those things on the agenda, you've got to come with the real deal."

Rison isn't the only player on the Packers' roster that teams gave up on. The Seattle Seahawks traded safety Eugene Robinson for Matt LaBounty, a reserve defensive end who didn't play a single down for the team in 1996.

And Robinson? All the NFL's leading active interceptor did was become the leader of a secondary that led the NFC in interceptions, lead the team with six picks of his own, and stabilize the best defense in the NFL as an emotional leader.

"He really helped us in a couple of ways," defensive coordinator Fritz Shurmur said. "Just in terms of his physical presence, the way he can cover ground and make plays on the ball and tackle helped us. And mentally, he's a great manager back there. He's very intelligent, very aware, and is always helping other guys in terms of adjustments and calling plays."

And while his former teammates were out golfing, Robinson was on his way to the first Super Bowl of his 12-year career.

"I came into a great situation – a Super Bowl contending team with a great bunch of guys," Robinson said.

"I came into the league in 1985 as a free agent out of Colgate University. Nobody had even heard of me," Robinson added. "I've been in the league a lot longer than the expectancy. I was supposed to be in the league for three years. But I knew I could play."

There were plenty of doubts around the league whether Desmond Howard could play, too. He had underachieved as a high first-round pick of the Washington Redskins, spent an undistinguished year in Jacksonville in 1995 and was on the verge of being released by the Packers in preseason.

Luckily for both Howard and the Packers, that didn't happen. Howard returned a punt for a touchdown in the Packers' second-to-last preseason game and earned himself a roster spot. By the end of 1996, he had set an NFL record for punt return yards in a season.

"I always knew I had the talent," said Howard, who returned three punts for touchdowns during the regular season. "It was just a matter of getting the right opportunities to let it shine. This is the best opportunity I've had since I've been in the NFL."

He made the most of it.

And so did the 1996 Green Bay Packers.

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GREEN BAY Packers 35 VS NEW ENGLAND Patriots 21

Super Bowl
Sunday, January 26, 1997

Story by Jason Wilde

A 29-year wait came to an end on Sunday night in New Orleans. And with that, a dream came to life.

Resplendent in green and gold, complete with smiles, tears and unbridled exhilaration, the moment was savored. In the end, the scoreboard carried the message that seemingly had been predestined since late July.

Green Bay Packers 35, New England Patriots 21.

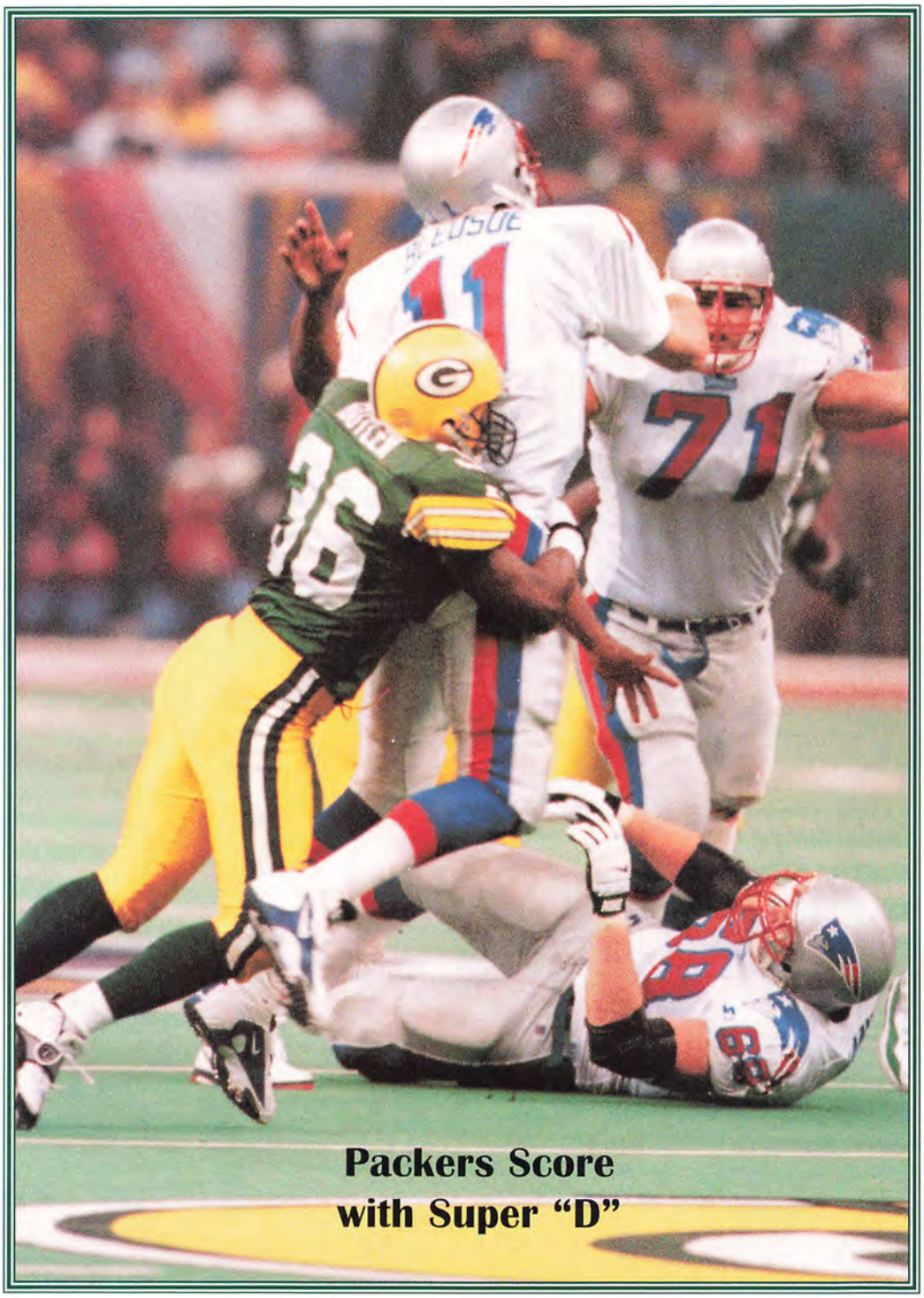
"I think it's time," team president Bob Harlan said from atop the Super Bowl XXXI victory stand, Vince Lombardi trophy in hand, "that the Lombardi Trophy goes back to Lambeau Field where it belongs."

Yes, "The Team of Destiny" did it again. Another convincing victory. Another testament to its greatness in the present and reminder of its greatness in the past. Another NFL championship.

"Vince Lombardi would have to be excited," wide receiver Antonio Freeman said. "We set our goals in July. We knew that we had what it takes to go all the way, and we kept the faith, we kept together, and now, we're world champions."

Super Bowl XXXI, as an event, was larger than life. There were hundreds of Macarena dancers in the pregame show, singer Luther Vandross belting out the national anthem, and a halftime show with the Blues Brothers, ZZ Top and James Brown that was as bright and as loud as it was big.

The Packers' victory was larger still.



Packers Score with Super "D"

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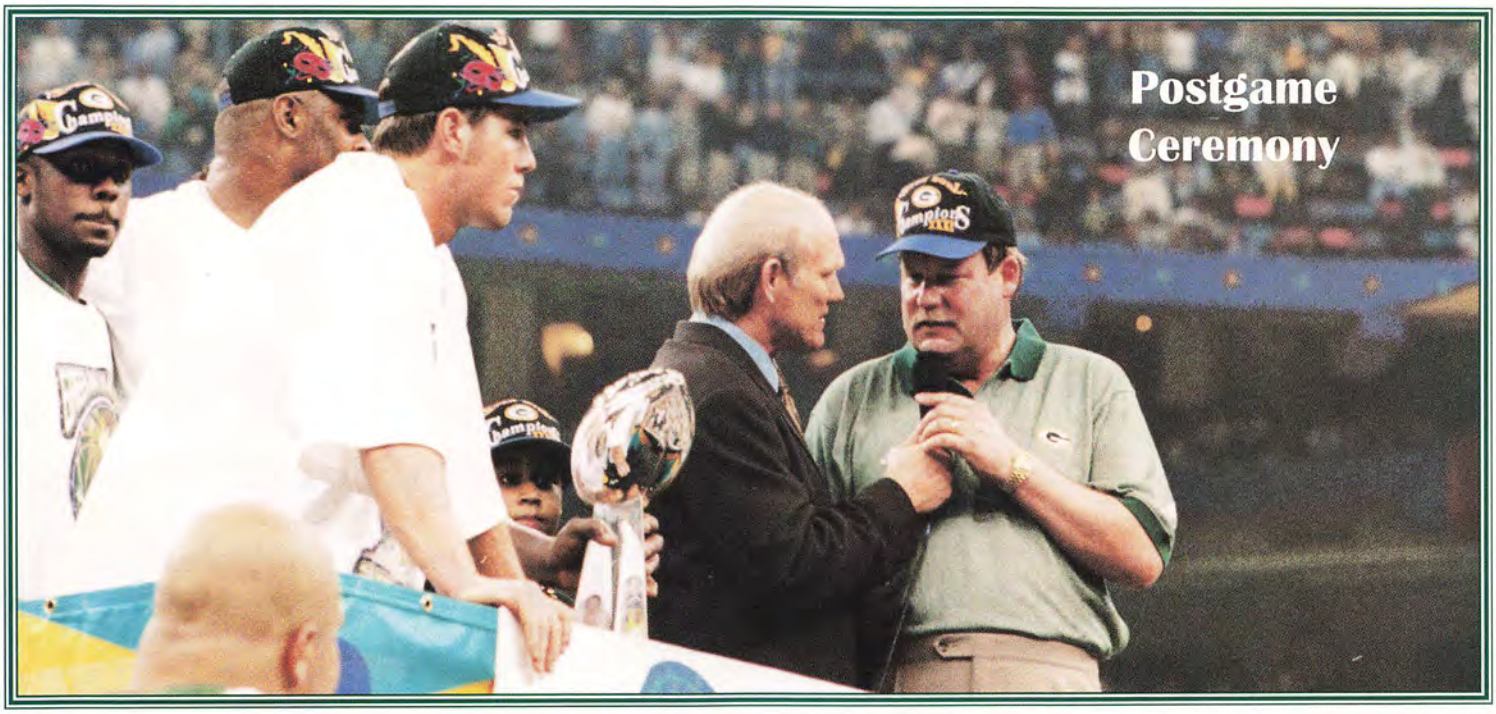


"I look at the faces of my players and coaches, and I'm overwhelmed," head coach Mike Holmgren said. "It's just a great, great sense of accomplishment.

"Coach Lombardi had a wonderful legacy for the rest of us. We're just trying to do our part, and hopefully we can do that for a long time to come."

Green Bay's 17-point second quarter was the biggest 15 minutes of the night. The Packers entered the quarter trailing, 14-10. They exited with a 27-14 lead.

There was quarterback Brett Favre's Super Bowl-record 81-yard touchdown pass to Freeman just 46 seconds into the quarter.
When safety Lawyer Milloy crept up in Freeman's face at the line of scrimmage, Freeman knew what the result would be.

"I was the first read, and I was licking my chops when I saw that safety walk up," Freeman said. "I knew all I had to do was make him stumble or move the wrong way and I had him. I gave him a hard move inside, he took it, Brett threw a great ball, and the rest was just running. I ran like I've never run before. 81 yards later, we're in the record books."

	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	TOTAL
NEW ENGLAND	14	0	7	0	21
GREEN BAY	10	17	8	0	35

Super Bowl XXXI: Final Team Stats

	New England	Packers
FIRST DOWNS	16	16
Rushing	3	8
Passing	12	6
Penalty	1	2
3RD-DOWN EFFICIENCY	4-14	3-15
4TH-DOWN EFFICIENCY	0-2	0-1
TOTAL NET YARDS	257	323
Total plays	66	68
Average gain	3.9	4.8
NET YARDS RUSHING	43	115
Rushes	13	36
Average per rush	3.3	3.2
NET YARDS PASSING	214	208
Completed-attempted	25-48	14-27
Yards per pass	4.0	6.5
Sacked-yards lost	5-39	5-38
Had intercepted	4	0
PUNTS-AVERAGE	8-45.1	7-42.7
RETURN YARDAGE	165	268
Punts-returns	5-30	7-90
Kickoffs-returns	7-135	4-154
Interceptions-returns	0-0	4-24
PENALTIES-YARDS	2-22	3-41
FUMBLES-LOST	0-0	0-0
TIME OF POSSESSION	25:45	34:15

Then, after kicker Chris Jacke's 31-yard field goal, there was Favre's 2-yard touchdown run. In between, the Packers defense flustered Patriots quarterback Drew Bledsoe into a 6-for-14 passing performance that included his second interception of the game.

Favre, meanwhile, finished the game 14 of 27 for 246 yards and two touchdowns. He did not throw an interception.

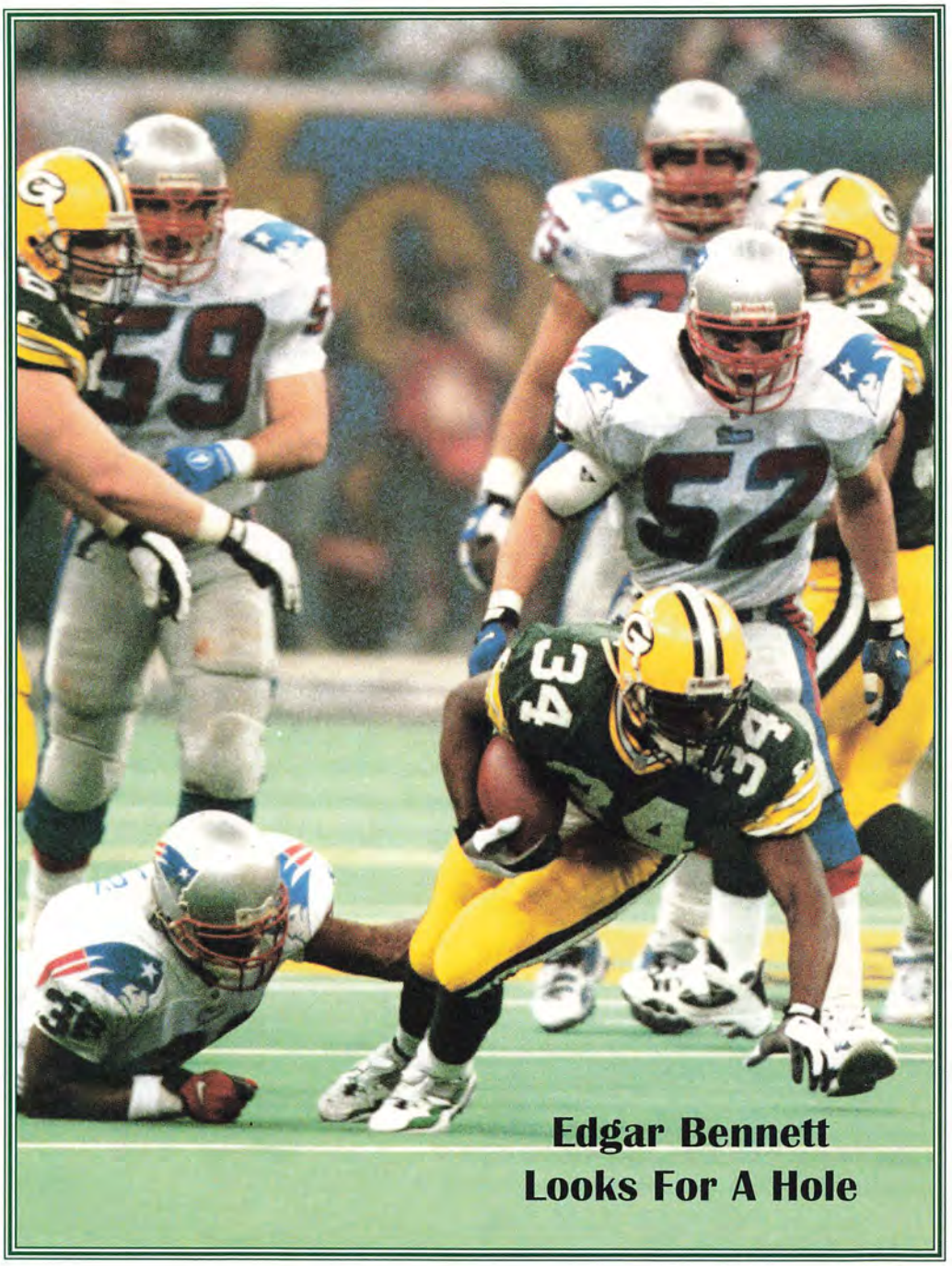
"I've been through a lot of tough times this year and a lot of good," Favre said. "You take the good with the bad. To win this, it's unbelievable.

"We waited a long time for this and we've been through a lot. It definitely makes this past year seem a little better."

And just when you thought the Patriots would make things interesting, thanks to a third-quarter touchdown run by Curtis Martin, The Team of Destiny proved it was merely a brief inconvenience. The play of the game was mere seconds away.

Most valuable player Desmond Howard took the ensuing kickoff 99 yards for a touchdown – the longest kickoff return in Super Bowl history – and the Packers' first Super Bowl victory since 1968 was that much closer to reality.

"I think through all of the adversity and trials and tribulations, I always had confidence in myself,"



Edgar Bennett Looks For A Hole

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Super Bowl XXXI: Individual Offensive Stats

RUSHING	Green Bay:	Dorsey Levens 14-61, Edgar Bennett 17-40, Brett Favre 4-12, William Henderson 1-2
	New England:	Curtis Martin 11-42, Drew Bledsoe 1-1, David Meggett 1-0
PASSING	Green Bay:	Brett Favre 14-27 for 246 yards, 0 INT, 2 TD
	New England:	Drew Bledsoe 25-48 for 253 yards, 4 INT, 2 TD
RECEIVING	Green Bay:	Antonio Freeman 3-105, Dorsey Levens 3-23, Andre Rison 2-77, William Henderson 2-14, Mark Chmura 2-13, Keith Jackson 1-10, Edgar Bennett 1-4
	New England:	Ben Coates 6-67, Terry Glenn 4-62, Keith Byars 4-42, Shawn Jefferson 3-34, Curtis Martin 3-28, David Meggett 3-8, Vincent Brisby 2-12
MISSED FIELD GOALS	Green Bay:	Chris Jacke 47
	New England:	None

Brett Favre:
Leader Of The Pack

said Howard, a Heisman Trophy winner and first-round draft pick of the Washington Redskins who was branded a bust before the Packers got their hands on him. "I was just another strong link in a very, very strong chain."

After the final seconds ticked away, after the fireworks' smoke had dissipated and all the confetti had fallen softly to the ground, the dream ceased being a dream and came very much to life.

"I wish every football player could experience a Super Bowl championship and playing in Green Bay," said receiver Don Beebe, who lost four Super Bowls with the Buffalo Bills. "You can't get any better than winning a Super Bowl in Green Bay." ■

Super Bowl Records

Points, both teams, first quarter: New England (14) vs Green Bay (10)

Passes Intercepted, game: 4, Drew Bledsoe (tied)

Points, one team, first quarter: New England 14 (tied)

Longest completion (also longest play from scrimmage): 81 yards, Brett Favre to Antonio Freeman

Longest kickoff return: 99 yards, Desmond Howard

Punt return yards, game: 90, Desmond Howard

Combined Net Yards Gained: 244, Desmond Howard

Sacks, game (since 1982): 3, Reggie White

Packers fans mob Super Bowl MVP Desmond Howard (center, in cap).

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The Louisiana Superdome, Site Of Super Bowl XXXI
January 26, 1997

Craig Newsome
Super Bowl XXXI
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LeRoy Butler
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Play-By-Play 1997 Super Bowl Green Bay Packers vs New England Patriots

FIRST QUARTER
New England wins toss, elects to receive.
Hentrich kicks off to Graham at 4, 16 return to New England 21.
NEW ENGLAND: 14:53.
1 and 10 on N21 Martin 1 run.
2 and 9 on N22 Bledsoe 13 pass over middle to Jefferson, tackled by Robinson.
1 and 10 on N36 Martin no gain run to right, tackled by Robinson.
2 and 10 on N36 Martin no gain on run up middle, tackled by Dotson.
3 and 10 on N36 Bledsoe incomplete pass to right sideline, intended for Martin.
4 and 10 on N36 Tupa 50 punt to Howard at 12, 32 return, tackled by Whigham.
GREEN BAY: 12:19.
1 and 10 on G45 Bennett 1 run left sideline, tackled by Johnson and McGinest.
2 and 9 on G46 Favre 54 pass to Rison over middle for touchdown at 3:32.
Jacke kick.
GREEN BAY 7, NEW ENGLAND 0.
Hentrich kickoff downed by Meggett in end zone.
NEW ENGLAND: 11:21.
1 and 10 on N20 Bledsoe 1 pass to Martin, tackled by Brown and Newsome.
2 and 9 on N21 Bledsoe pass intended for Glenn on left sideline, intercepted by Evans who went out of bounds at New England 28.
GREEN BAY: 10:40.
1 and 10 on N28 Favre sacked by Collons for loss of 10.
2 and 20 on N38 Levens 5 run up middle, tackled by Jones.
3 and 15 on N33 Favre 14 screen pass to Levens, tackled by Bruschi.
4 and 1 on N19 Jacke kicks 37-yard field goal at 6:18.
GREEN BAY 10, NEW ENGLAND 0
Hentrich kickoff caught by Meggett in end zone, 26 return, tackled by Mickens.
NEW ENGLAND: 8:32.
1 and 10 on N21 Bledsoe incomplete pass intended for Byars, deflected by Dotson in left flat.
2 and 10 on N21 Bledsoe 32 screen pass to Byars on right side, tackled by Evans
1 and 10 on G47 Bledsoe 20 pass to Martin right sideline, tackled by Newsome.
1 and 10 on G27 Bledsoe incomplete screen pass intended for Martin. Illegal touch of ball by Kratch.
2 and 10 on G27 Bledsoe pass intended for Glenn deflected by Wilkins.
3 and 10 on G27 Pass interference penalty in end zone on Newsome on pass intended for Newsome.
1 and G on G1 Bledsoe 1 pass to Byars over middle for touchdown at 8:25.
Vinatieri kick.
GREEN BAY 10, NEW ENGLAND 7.
Vinatieri kickoff to Howard at 5, 13 return to Green Bay 18, tackled by Ray.
GREEN BAY: 6:25.
1 and 10 on G18 Bennett loss of 4 on right sweep, tackled by Johnson and Milloy.
2 and 14 on G14 Levens 3 run off right tackle, tackled by Slade and Johnson.
3 and 11 on G17 Favre incomplete pass intended for Freeman, broken up by McGruder.
4 and 11 on G17 Hentrich 39 punt to Meggett at New England 44, 1 loss on return, tackled by Harris.
NEW ENGLAND: 4:44.
1 and 10 on N43 Bledsoe 7 screen pass to Martin on left side, tackled by Simmons.
2 and 3 on 50 Martin 2 run up middle, tackled by Cox
3 and 1 on G48 Bledsoe 44 pass over middle to Glenn, tackled by Robinson.
1 and G on G4 Bledsoe 4 pass to Coates for touchdown at 12:27.
Vinatieri kick.
NEW ENGLAND 14, GREEN BAY 10.
Vinatieri kickoff to Howard at Green Bay 7, 19 return to 26, tackled by Bruschi.
GREEN BAY: 2:23.
1 and 10 on G26 Favre incomoplete pass intended for Rison up left sideline, overthrown.
2 and 10 on G26 Favre 5 screen pass to Levens over middle, tackled by Johnson and Collins.
3 and 5 on G31 Favre sacked by Bruschi for 2 loss
4 and 7 on G29 Hentrich 58 punt to Meggett at New England 13, 20 return to 33, tackled by Levens.
NEW ENGLAND: 1:03.
1 and 10 on N33 Bledsoe incomplete pass rolling right side under pressure.
2 and 10 on N33 Martin 5 run up middle, tackled by Jones.
3 and 5 on N38 Bledsoe up left sideline incomplete pass intended for Jefferson, broken up by T.Williams.
4 and 5 on N38 Tupa 51 punt to Howard at Green Bay 11, 6 return to 17, tackled by Bartrum.
GREEN BAY: :03.
1 and 10 on G17 Favre 4 shovel pass left side to Levens, tackled by Collins.
2 and 6 on G21
END FIRST QUARTER
NEW ENGLAND 14, GREEN BAY 10
SECOND QUARTER
2 and 6 on G21 Favre over middle incomplete pass intended for Jackson, broken up by Johnson.
3 and 6 on G21 Favre incomplete pass intended for Rison, broken up by Smith.
4 and 6 on G21 Hentrich 37 punt, ball downed at New England 42.
NEW ENGLAND: 14:39.
1 and 10 on N42 Bledsoe under pressure throws pass away left sideline.
2 and 10 on N42 Bledsoe incomplete pass, overthrows Coates over middle.
3 and 10 on N42 Bledsoe under pressure throws ball to right sideline.
4 and 10 on N42 Tupa 42 punt to Howard at Green Bay 16, 3 return to 19, tackled by Moore.
GREEN BAY: 14:14.
1 and 10 on G19 Favre 81 touchdown pass to Freeman down right sideline at :56.
Jacke kick.
GREEN BAY 17, NEW ENGLAND 14.
Hentrich kicks off to Meggett at 2, 22 return to New England 24, tackled by Jervey, McKenzie.
NEW ENGLAND: 13:54.
1 and 10 on N24 Bledsoe 9 pass over middle to Glenn, tackled by Newsome.
2 and 1 on N33 Martin 3 run off left tackle, tackled by Brown and Cox.
1 and 10 on N36 Bledsoe under pressure overthrows Martin on left side.
2 and 10 on N36 Martin 3 run on draw off left side, tackled by Robinson.
3 and 7 on N39 Bledsoe sacked by Butler for 9 loss.
4 and 16 on N30 Tupa 51 punt to Howard at Green Bay 19, 34 return to New England 47.
GREEN BAY: 11:13.
1 and 10 on N47 Bennett no gain on run to right side, tackled by Law and Whigham.
2 and 9 on N46 Favre 23 pass to Rison over middle, run out of bounds at New England 23.
1 and 10 on N23 Favre incomplete pass intended for Rison thrown out of end zone.
2 and 10 on N23 Levens 12 run up middle, tackled by Milloy.
1 and 10 on N11 Bennett run on right side for 3 loss, tackled by Milloy.
2 and 13 on N14 Favre incomplete screen pass on right side intended for Levens.
3 and 13 on N14 Favre incomplete pass over middle intended for Rison.
4 and 13 on N14 Jacke kicks 31 field goal at 6:45.
GREEN BAY 20, NEW ENGLAND 14.
Hentrich kicks off to Meggett at 4, 21 return to New England 25, tackled by Harris.
NEW ENGLAND: 8:06.
1 and 10 on N25 Bledsoe 19 pass over middle to Coates, tackled by Robinson.
1 and 10 on N44 Bledsoe incomplete pass intended for Byars after being hit by Butler.
2 and 10 on N44 Bledsoe pass intended for Jefferson intercepted by Prior at Green Bay 22, 4 return, tackled by Glenn.
GREEN BAY: 7:10.
1 and 10 on G26 Favre 10 pass to Jackson right sideline, tackled by Slade.
2 and 10 on G36 Bennett 2 run off left tackle, tackled by Johnson and Collins.
2 and 8 on G38 Favre incomplete pass intended for Freeman, pass interference penalty on Smith at Green Bay 44.
1 and 10 on G44 Favre 22 pass to Freeman, tackled by Milloy.
1 and 10 on N34 Levens 9 run on left sweep, tackled by Clay.
2 and 1 on N25 Levens 6 run on right side, tackled by Collins and Milloy.
1 and 10 on N19 Bennett 1 run on left sweep, tackled by Smith.
2 and 9 on N18 Levens 8 run, driven out of bounds by Law.
TWO MINUTE WARNING
3 and 1 on N10 Levens 8 run on right side, tackled by Clay
1 and G on N2 Favre 2 touchdown run, at 13:49.
Jacke kick
Hentrich kicks off to Meggett in end zone, 24 return to New England 22, tackled by Holinquest.

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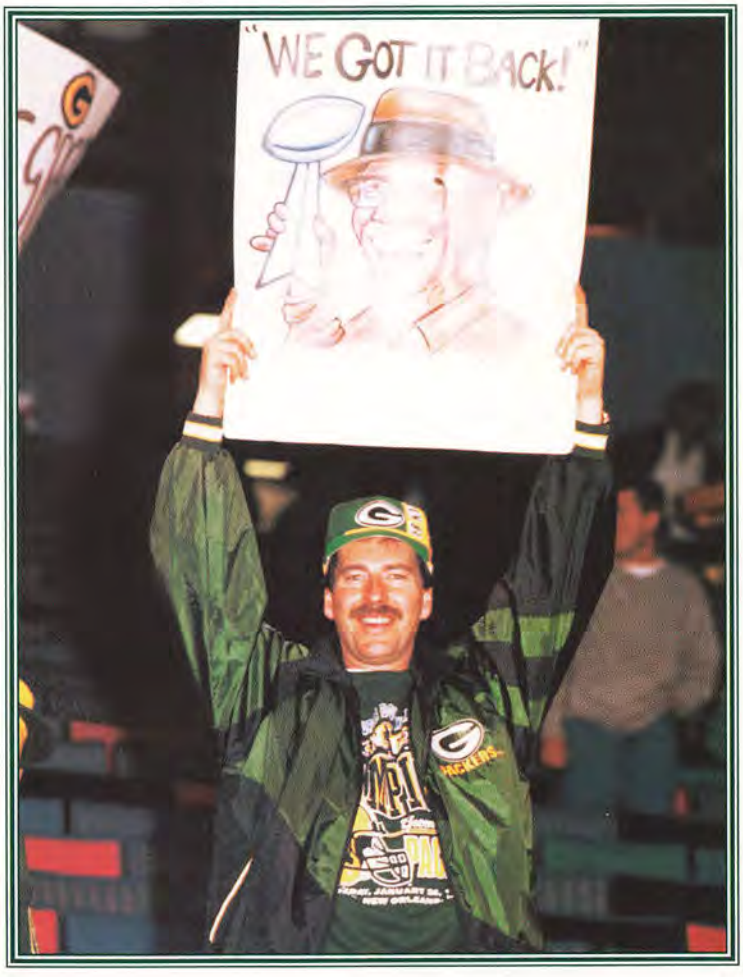
NEW ENGLAND: 1:06.
1 and 10 on N22 Bledsoe 18 pass to Coates over middle, tackled by Butler and Prior.
New England calls first time out at :58.
1 and 10 on N40 Bledsoe 10 pass to Glenn over middle, tackled by Robinson.
1 and 10 on 50 Bledsoe 1 pass to Meggett, tackled by Butler.
New England calls second time out with :35 left.
2 and 9 on G49 Bledsoe 7 pass to Brisby on right sideline, knocked out of bounds by Newsome.
3 and 2 on G42 Bledsoe incomplete pass intended for Glenn overthrown on right sideline.
4 and 2 on G42 Bledsoe incomplete pass intended for Meggett, broken up by Robinson.
GREEN BAY: :19.
1 and 10-G43 Favre sacked by McGinest for 7 loss.
GREEN BAY 27, NEW ENGLAND 14
THIRD QUARTER
Vinatieri kickoff to Howard at Green Bay 2, 23 return to Green Bay 25, run out of bounds by McGruder.
GREEN BAY: 14:50.
1 and 10 on G25 Favre 8 pass to Chmura, tackled by Clay.
2 and 10 on G33 Bennett 8 run on right side, tackled by Milloy.
1 and 10 on G41 Favre 6 pass over middle to Henderson, tackled by Johnson.
2 and 4 on G47 Henderson 2 run, tackled by McGinest.
3 and 2 on G49 Favre 5 pass to Chmura, tackled by Clay and Law.
1 and 10 on N46 Levens 1 run up middle, tackled by Slade.
2 and 9 on N45 Favre 8 pass to Henderson on left side, tackled by McGinest.
3 and 1 on N37 Levens no gain on run up middle.
4 and 1 on N37 Levens 7 loss on run, tackled by Johnson
NEW ENGLAND: 9:32.
1 and 10 on N44 Bledsoe 11 pass to Jefferson on left sideline, tackled by Evans.
1 and 10 on G45 Bledsoe 4 screen pass to Byars, tackled by Williams and Simmons.
2 and 6 on G41 Bledsoe incomplete pass intended for Coates, broken up by Jones.
3 and 6 on G41 Bledsoe incomplete pass up left side intended for Jefferson overthrown.
4 and 6 on G41 Tupa 29 punt, fair catch by Howard at Green Bay 12.
GREEN BAY: 8:07.
1 and 10 on G12 Favre sacked by Smith for 7 loss.
2 and 17 on G5 Favre incomplete pass intended for Freeman, overthrown up left sideline.
3 and 17 on G5 Bennett 6 run up middle, tackled by Slade.
4 and 12 on G10 Hentrich 48 punt to Meggett at New England 41, 6 return to 47, tackled by Harris and Jervey.
NEW ENGLAND: 6:52.
1 and 10 on N47 Martin 4 run off left tackle, tackled by Brown.
2 and 6 on G49 Bledsoe 1 run, tackled by Robinson
3 and 5 on G48 Bledsoe 13 pass to Coates in right flat, tackled by Robinson.
1 and 10 on G35 Bledsoe incomplete pass intended for Martin up left sideline overthrown.
2 and 10 on G35 Bledsoe 9 pass to Jefferson, tackled by T.Williams.
3 and 1 on G26 Martin 8 run, tackled by Robinson and Evans.
Injury timeout for Green Bay's Newsome, 3:48.
1 and 10 on G18 Martin 18 run up middle for touchdown, Green Bay offsides penalty declined at 3:27.
Vinatieri kick.
GREEN BAY 27, NEW ENGLAND 21.
Vinatieri kickoff to Howard at Green Bay 1, 99 return for touchdown at 3:10.
Green Bay calls first timeout at 3:10.
Favre pass to Chmura for two-point conversion.
GREEN BAY 35, NEW ENGLAND 21.
Hentrich kickoff to Meggett at New England 1, 24 return to 25, tackled by Mickens and Thomason.
NEW ENGLAND 3:01.
1 and 10 on N25 Bledsoe 5 pass to Byars on right sideline, tackled by Butler and Simmons.
2 and 5 on N30 Bledsoe sacked by White for 8 loss.
3 and 13 on N22 Bledsoe sacked by White for 6 loss.
4 and 19 on N16 Tupa 47 punt out of bounds at Green Bay 37.
GREEN BAY: 1:14.
1 and 10 on G37 Levens 1 run, tackled by Wheeler.
2 and 9 on G38 Favre 12 run, tackled by McGinest.
1 and 10 on 50
END THIRD QUARTER
GREEN BAY 35, NEW ENGLAND 21
FOURTH QUARTER
1 and 10 on 50 Favre incomplete screen pass to right side, intended for Levens.
2 and 10 on 50 Levens 1 run off right tackle, tackled by Johnson and Slade.
3 and 9 on N49 Favre incomplete pass intended for Mickens, overthrown out of bounds on right sideline.
4 and 9 on N49 Hentrich 29 punt, Meggett fair catch at New England 20.
NEW ENGLAND: 14:03.
1 and 10 on N20 Martin run up middle for 2 loss, tackled by Robinson and Dotson.
2 and 12 on N18 Bledsoe pass to Glenn for 1 loss, tackled by Wilkins and Evans.
3 and 13 on N17 Bledsoe incomplete pass dropped by Jefferson at New England 32.
4 and 13 on N17 Tupa 53 punt to Howard at Green Bay 30, 10 return to 40, forced out of bounds by Whigham.
GREEN BAY: 12:31.
1 and 10 on G40 Favre 4 pass to Bennett in right flat, tackled by Slade and Wheeler.
2 and 6 on G44 Bennett 10 run up middle, tackled by Slade and Milloy.
1 and 10 on N46 Bennett run for 2 loss, tackled by Slade.
2 and 12 on N48 Favre incomplete pass to left side, overthrown, intended for Freeman.
3 and 12 on N48 Favre pass dropped by Chmura at New England 35.
4 and 12 on N48 Hentrich 34 punt, fair catch by Meggett at New England 14.
NEW ENGLAND: 9:57.
1 and 10 on N14 Bledsoe 4 pass to Coates on right side, tackled by Newsome
2 and 6 on N18 Bledsoe 5 pass to Meggett on left side, tackled by Simmons.
3 and 1 on N23 Bledsoe 9 pass to Coates up middle, tackled by Butler.
1 and 10 on N32 Meggett no gain on run off tackle, tackled by Dotson.
2 and 10 on N32 Bledsoe pass intended for Jefferson, up right sideline, intercepted by Newsome on Green Bay 31.
GREEN BAY: 8:14.
1 and 10 on G31 Bennett no gain on run on right side, tackled by Collins.
2 and 10 on G31 Bennett 7 gain on right side, tackled by Slade.
Green Bay calls second timeout at 6:45.
3 and 3 on G38 Favre 3 pass to Freeman in right flat plus 15 personal foul penalty on Clay.
1 and 10 on N44 Levens 7 run up left side, tackled by Henderson.
2 and 3 on N37 Bennett 1 run off right tackle, tackled by Slade and Johnson.
New England calls first timeout at 5:30.
3 and 2 on N36 Wilkerson 5 false start penalty.
3 and 7 on N41 Levens 7 run up middle, tackled by Brown and McGruder.
1 and 10 on N34 Bennett 3 run up middle, tackled by Wheeler and Johnson.
New England calls second timeout at 4:47.
2 and 7 on N31 Bennett 1 run off right tackle, tackled by Johnson and Wheeler.
3 and 6 on N30 Favre incomplete pass up left sideline intended for Rison, Smith covering.
4 and 6 on N30 Jacke misses 47 field goal attempt wide right.
NEW ENGLAND: 3:56.
1 and 10 on N37 Bledsoe incomplete pass up left sideline, underthrown intended for Brisby.
2 and 10 on N37 Bledsoe 2 pass to Meggett who went out of bounds on right sideline.
3 and 8 on N39 Bledsoe sacked by Dotson for 9 loss.
4 and 17 on N30 Tupa 37 punt to Howard at Green Bay 31, 5 return, 10 holding penalty on T.Williams on return.
GREEN BAY: 3:11.
1 and 10 on G26 Bennett 4 run on right side, tackled by Johnson.
2 and 6 on G30 Bennett 4 run on right side, tackled by Clay.
New England calls third timeout at 2:18.
3 and 2 on G34 Favre sacked for 12 loss by Bruschi. TWO MINUTE WARNING
4 and 14 on G22 Hentrich 40 punt to Meggett at New England 24, 5 return to 29.
NEW ENGLAND: 1:49.
1 and 10 on N29 Bledsoe sacked by White for 9 loss.
2 and 19 on N20 Bledsoe incomplete pass in left flat, intended for Meggett.
3 and 19 on N20 Bledsoe 5 pass to Brisby on right sideline, tackled by Newsome.
4 and 14 on N25 Bledsoe pass intended for Brisby was knocked away by Newsome and intercepted by Williams at New England 35, Williams 10 return to 25.
GREEN BAY: :50.
1 and 10 on N21 Favre drops to knee for 2 loss.
2 and 12 on N23

FINAL SCORE: GREEN BAY 35 / NEW ENGLAND 21



PACKERS SUPER BOWL XXXI ROSTER

NO	NAME/POS	HT	WT	DOB	EXP	COLLEGE
4	Brett Favre, QB	6-2	225	10-10-69	6	Southern Mississippi
7	Kyle Wacholtz, QB	6-4	235	5-17-72	R	Southern Californa
9	Jim McMahon, QB	6-1	195	8-21-59	15	Brigham Young
13	Chris Jacke, K	6-0	205	3-12-66	8	Texas-El Paso
17	Craig Hentrich, P	6-3	200	5-18-71	3	Notre Dame
18	Doug Pederson, CB	6-3	215	5-12-68	4	Northeast Louisiana
21	Craig Newsome, CB	5-11	190	8-10-71	2	Arizona State
25	Dorsey Levens, RB	6-1	235	5-21-70	3	Georgia Tech
27	Calvin Jones, RB	5-11	205	11-27-70	3	Nebraska
28	Roderick Mullen, DB	6-1	204	12-5-72	2	Grambling
30	William Henderson, FB	6-1	248	2-19-71	2	North Carolina
32	Travis Jervey, RB	5-11	225	5-5-72	2	The Citadel
33	Doug Evans, CB	6-1	190	5-13-70	4	Louisiana Tech
34	Edgar Bennett, RB	6-0	224	2-15-69	5	Florida State
36	LeRoy Butler, S	6-0	197	7-19-68	7	Florida State
37	Tyrone Williams, CB	5-11	195	5-13-71	R	Nebraska
39	Mike Prior, S	6-0	208	11-14-63	11	Northern Illinois
40	Chris Hayes, S	6-0	200	5-7-72	R	Washington State
41	Eugene Robinson, S	6-0	195	5-28-63	12	Colgate
46	Michael Robinson, CB	6-1	192	6-24-73	R	Hampton
51	Brian Williams, LB	6-1	235	12-17-72	2	Southern California
52	Frank Winters, C/G	6-3	290	1-23-64	10	Western Illinois
54	Ron Cox, LB	6-2	235	3-29-68	7	Fresno State
55	Bernardo Harris, LB	6-2	243	10-15-71	2	North Carolina
56	Lamont Hollinquest, LB	6-3	243	10-24-70	3	Southern California
59	Wayne Simmons, LB	6-2	245	12-15-69	4	Clemson
62	Marco Rivera, G	6-4	295	4-26-72	R	Penn State
63	Adam Timmerman, G	6-4	288	8-14-71	2	South Dakota State
64	Bruce Wilkerson, T	6-5	305	7-28-64	10	Tennessee
65	Lindsay Knapp, G/T	6-6	290	2-25-70	4	Nore Dame
67	Jeff Dellenbach, OL	6-6	300	2-14-63	12	Wisconsin
68	Gary Brown, T	6-4	315	6-25-71	3	Georgia Tech
71	Santana Dotson, DT	6-5	285	12-19-69	5	Baylor
72	Earl Dotson, T	6-3	315	12-17-70	4	Texas A&I
77	John Michels, T	6-7	290	3-19-73	R	Southern California
80	Derrick Mayes, WR	6-0	200	1-28-74	R	Notre Dame
81	Desmond Howard, WR	5-10	180	5-15-70	5	Michigan
82	Don Beebe, WR	5-11	183	12-18-64	8	Chadron State
83	Jeff Thomason, TE	6-4	250	12-30-69	4	Oregon
84	Andre Rison, WR	6-1	188	3-18-67	8	Michigan State
85	Terry Mickens, WR	6-0	198	2-21-71	3	Florida A&M
86	Antonio Freeman, WR	6-0	190	5-27-72	2	Virginia Tech
88	Keith Jackson, TE	6-2	250	4-19-65	9	Oklahoma
89	Mark Chmura, TE	6-5	250	2-22-69	5	Boston College
90	Darius Holland, DT	6-4	310	11-10-73	2	Colorado
91	Shannon Clavelle, DE	6-2	287	10-12-72	2	Colorado
92	Reggie White, DE	6-5	300	12-19-61	12	Tennessee
93	Gilbert Brown, NT	6-2	325	2-22-71	4	Kansas
94	Bob Kuberski, NT	6-4	300	4-5-71	2	Navy
95	Keith McKenzie, DE	6-2	242	10-17-73	R	Ball State
96	Sean Jones, DE	6-7	283	12-19-62	13	Northeastern
98	Gabe Wilkins, DE	6-4	305	9-1-71	3	Gardner-Webb

INJURED RESERVE:

16	Rob Carpenter	6-2	190	8-1-68	5	Syracuse
23	Matthew Dorsett	5-11	190	8-23-73	2	Southern
43	James Bostic, RB	5-11	225	3-13-72	2	Auburn
44	Chris Darkins, RB	6-0	215	4-30-74	R	Minnesota
50	Mike Arthur, C	6-3	280	5-7-68	6	Texas A&M
53	George Koonce, LB	6-1	243	10-15-68	5	East Carolina
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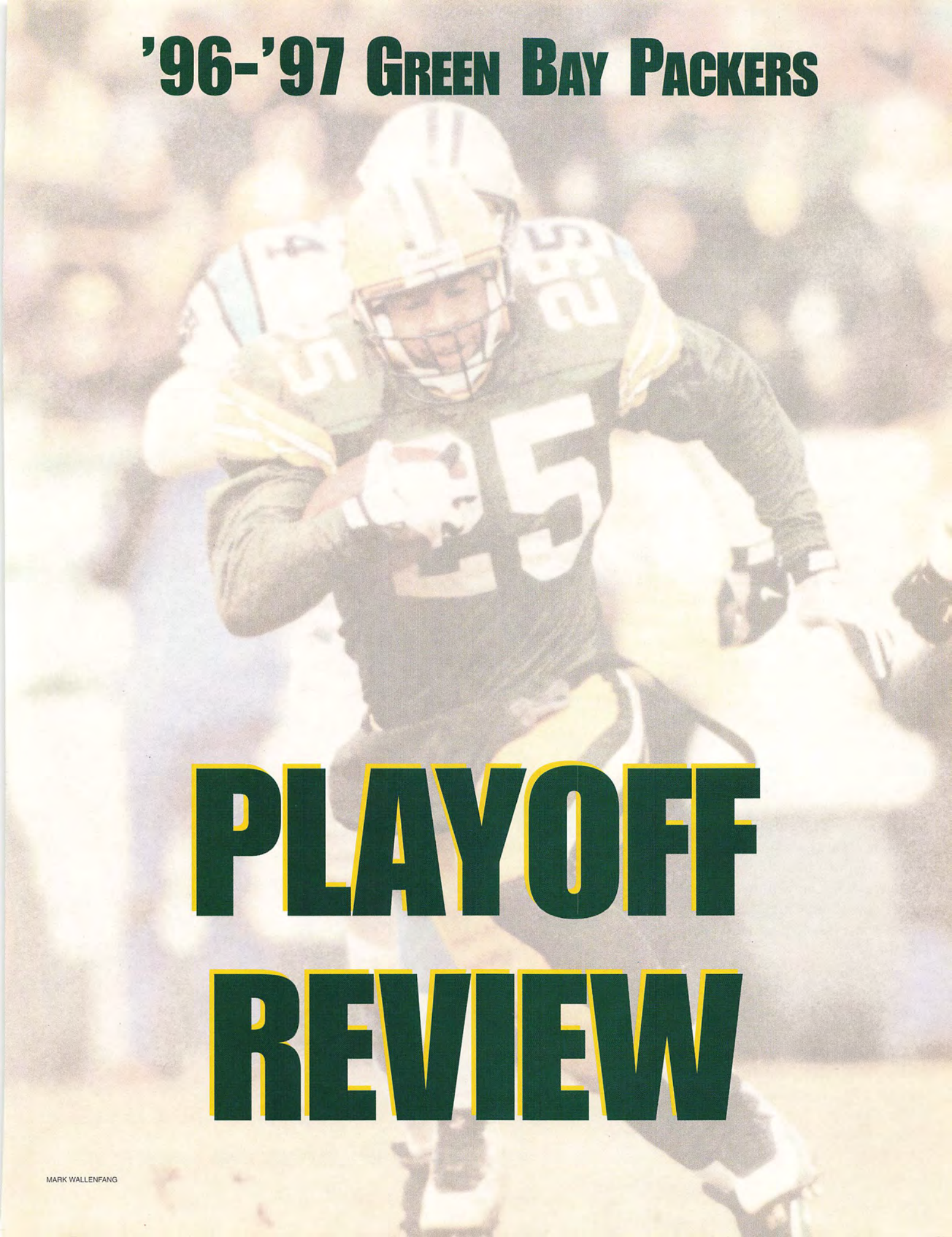
'96-'97 Green Bay Packers



PLAYOFF REVIEW

MARK WALLENFANG

Playoffs: Sunday, January 12, 1997

Green Bay 30, Carolina 13

Thanks to the Carolina Panthers' victory over Dallas in their NFC Divisional Playoff game, Packers fans did not get the matchup they really wanted in the NFC Championship at Lambeau Field.

Nevertheless, the upstart Panthers put up a decent fight before bowing out, 30-13.

The Panthers struck first midway in the first quarter when Favre was intercepted on his own 12 yard line by Carolina linebacker Sam Mills. Mills returned the ball to the Green Bay 2, and the Panthers scored two plays later on a 3-yard pass from QB Kerry Collins to Howard Griffith.

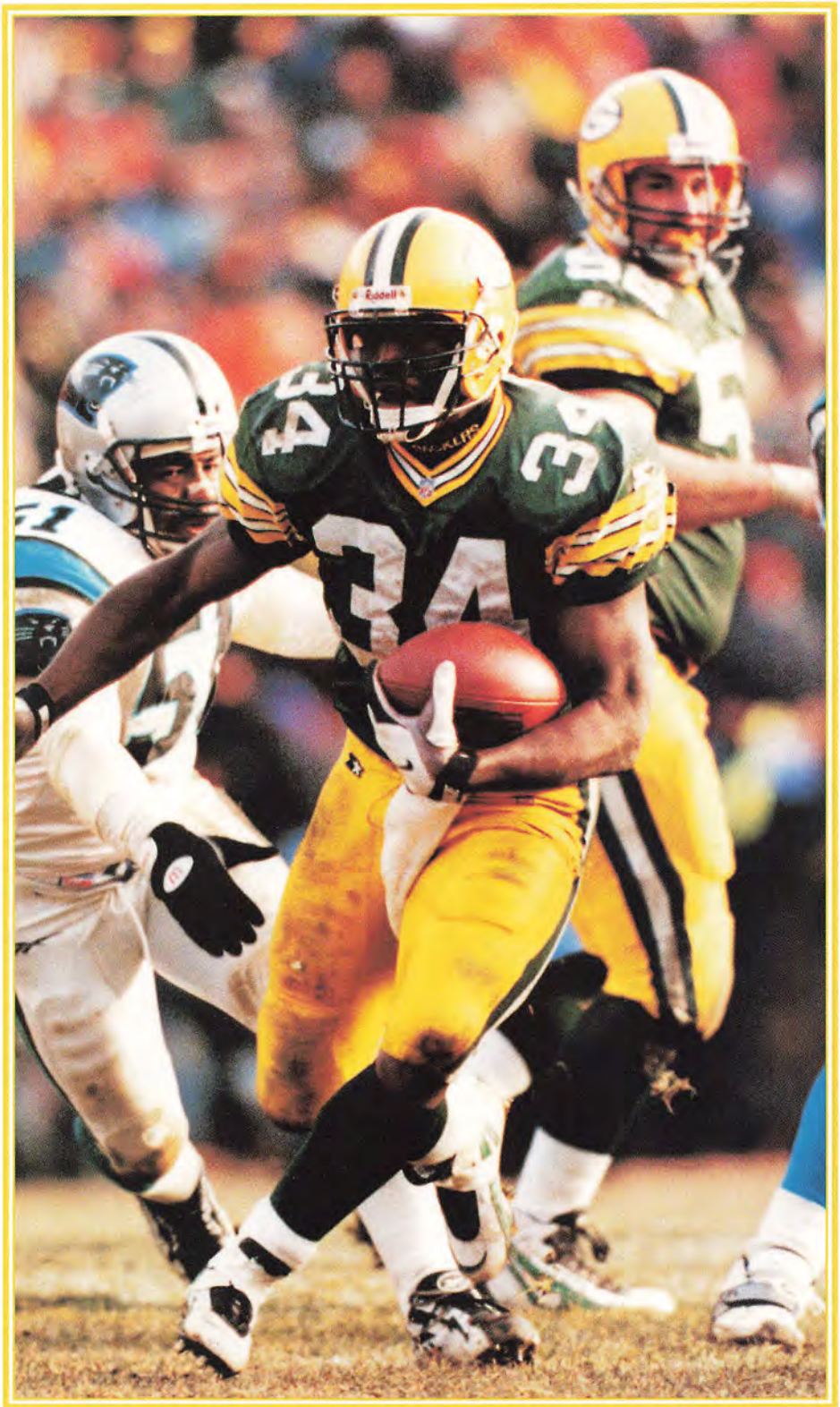
Green Bay tied the game on the first play of the second quarter on a 29-yard pass from Favre to Dorsey Levens, but on Green Bay's next possession, Favre fumbled while being sacked, and Carolina linebacker Lamar Lathon recovered at the Green Bay 45. S even plays later, the Panthers took the lead on John Kasay's 22-yard field goal.

From that point, however, the game was all Green Bay. Favre led the Packers on a 15-play, 71-yard touchdown drive after the Kasay field goal, hitting wide receiver Antonio Freeman from the 6 for the go-ahead score. The drive consumed nearly eight minutes, and there were only 48 seconds left in the half when Freeman scored.

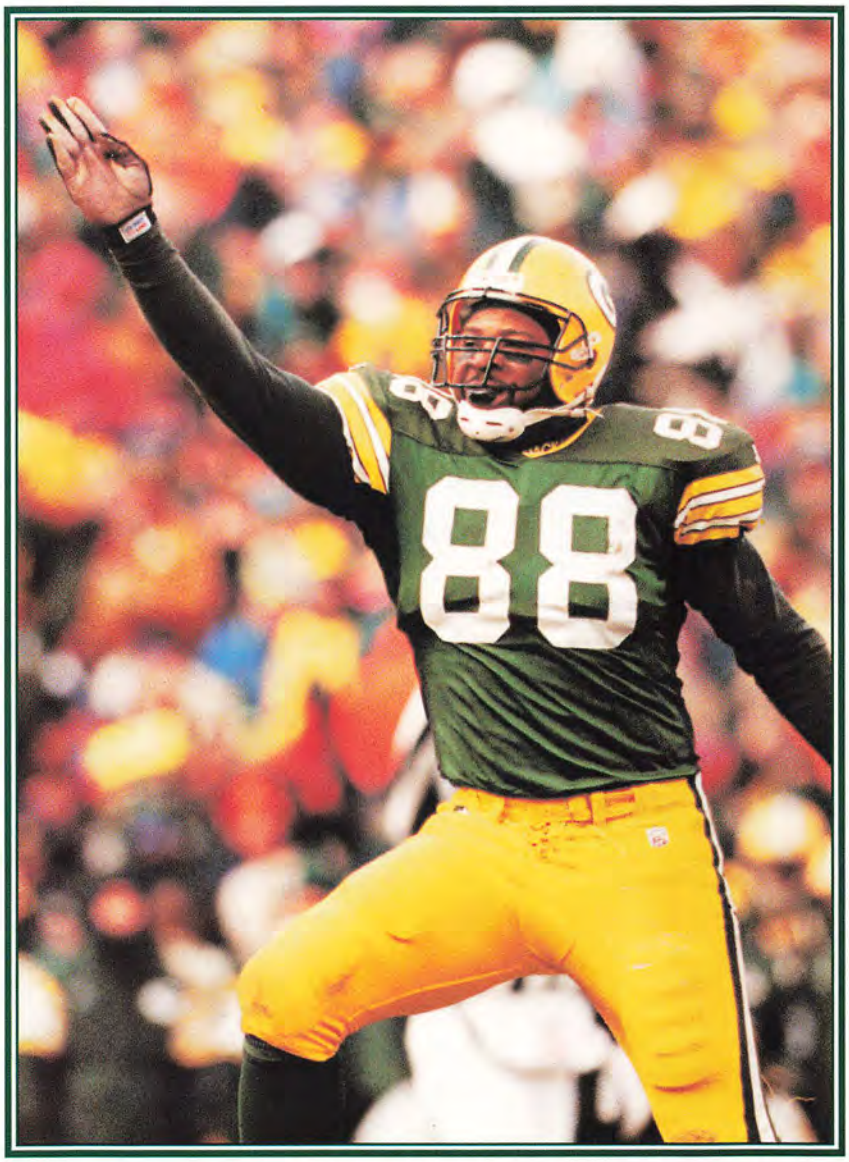
On the first play from scrimmage after the kickoff, Collins was intercepted by Green Bay's Tyrone Williams at the Packers 38. Favre quickly moved the Packers into field goal range, and Chris Jacke made it 17-10 on a 31-yard field goal with 14 seconds left in the half.

The Packers took off an another long drive after the second-half kickoff, consuming nearly seven minutes before Jacke made it 20-10 on a 32-yard field goal.

On Green Bay's next possession, with the score 20-13, a 74-yard drive ended with Edgar Bennett scoring on a 4-yard run. That drive put the game out of Carolina's reach and had Green Bay fans calling travel agents for tickets to New Orleans.



Edgar Bennett runs up the middle past the fierce Carolina defense.



Keith Jackson makes sure everyone knows he has the first down.

INSIDE THE NUMBERS

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The Packers' time of possession in the NFC Championship Game, nearly double that of the Carolina Panthers (21:57)

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The number of years that had passed since Green Bay's last Super Bowl visit, in 1968 against Oakland in Super Bowl II

88/117

Dorsey Levens' total yards rushing and receiving, respectively, in the NFC Championship Game at Lambeau Field

Scoring Summary

Packers 30, Panthers 13

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Green Bay Packers	**0**	**17**	**10**	**3**	**30**
Carolina Panthers	7	3	3	0	13

Qtr.	Team	Time	Scoring Play	Score
1	Carolina	(9:50)	Howard Griffith 3 yard TD PASS from Kerry Collins	0-7
2	**Green Bay**	(0:06)	Dorsey Levens 29 yard TD PASS from Brett Favre	7-7
2	Carolina	(6:20)	John Kasay 22 yard FIELD GOAL	7-10
2	**Green Bay**	(14:12)	Antonio Freeman 6 yard TD PASS from Brett Favre	14-10
2	**Green Bay**	(14:50)	Chris Jacke 31 yard FIELD GOAL	17-10
3	**Green Bay**	(6:44)	Chris Jacke 32 yard FIELD GOAL	20-10
3	Carolina	(11:37)	John Kasay 23 yard FIELD GOAL	20-13
3	**Green Bay**	(13:02)	Edgar Bennett 4 yard TD RUN	27-13
4	**Green Bay**	(4:58)	Chris Jacke 28 yard FIELD GOAL	30-13

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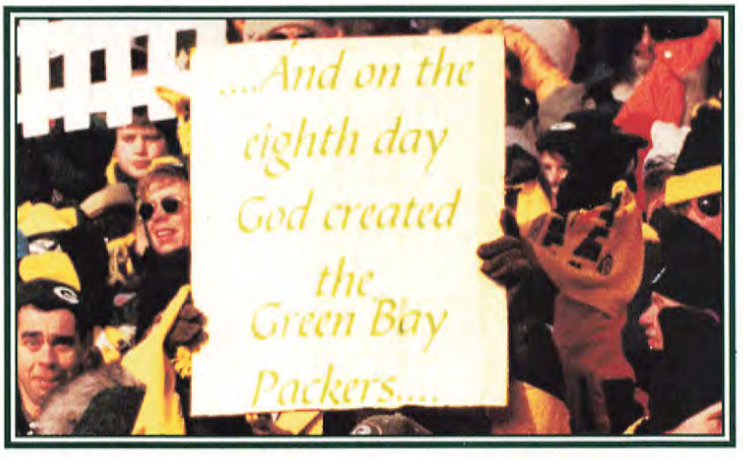
GREEN BAY



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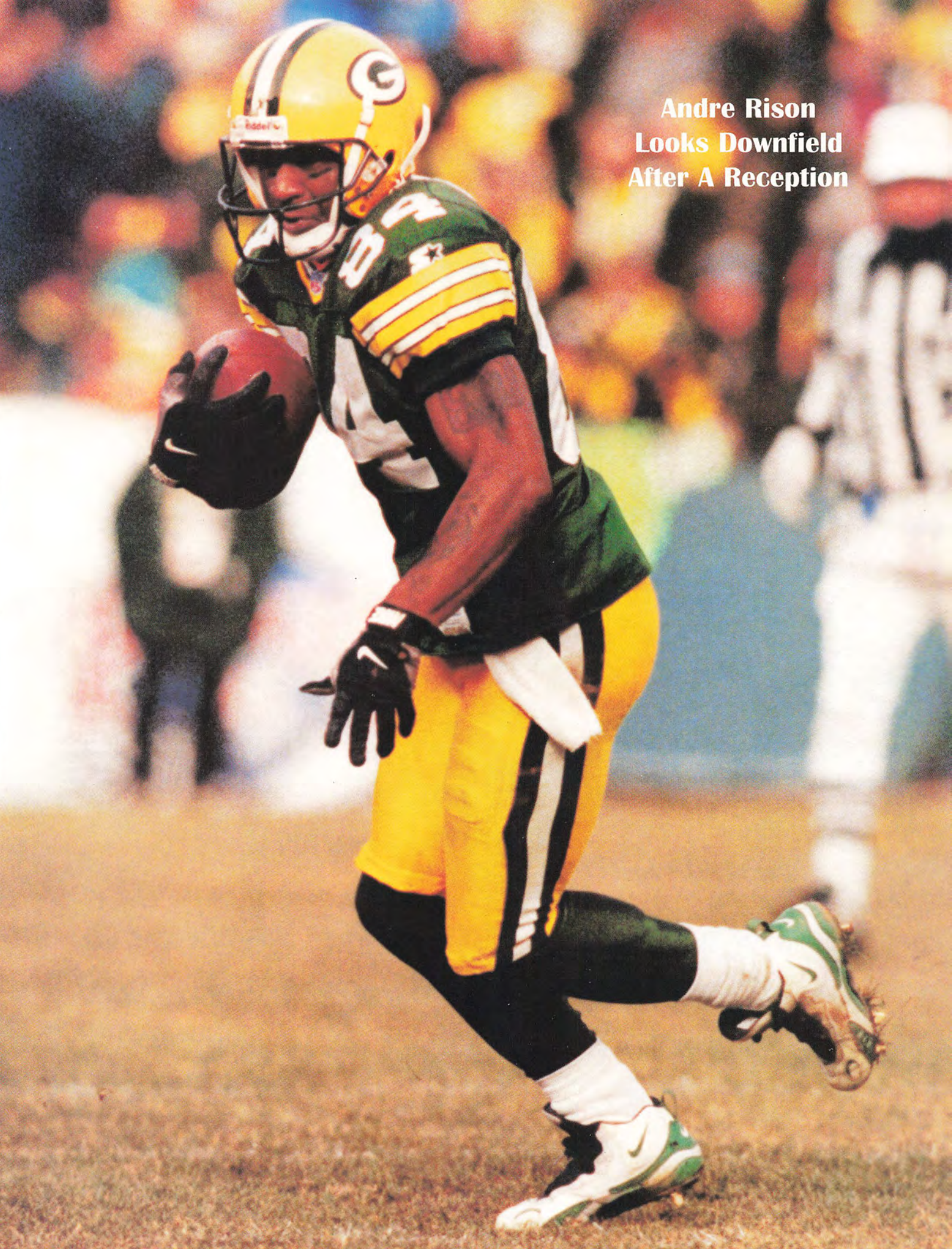
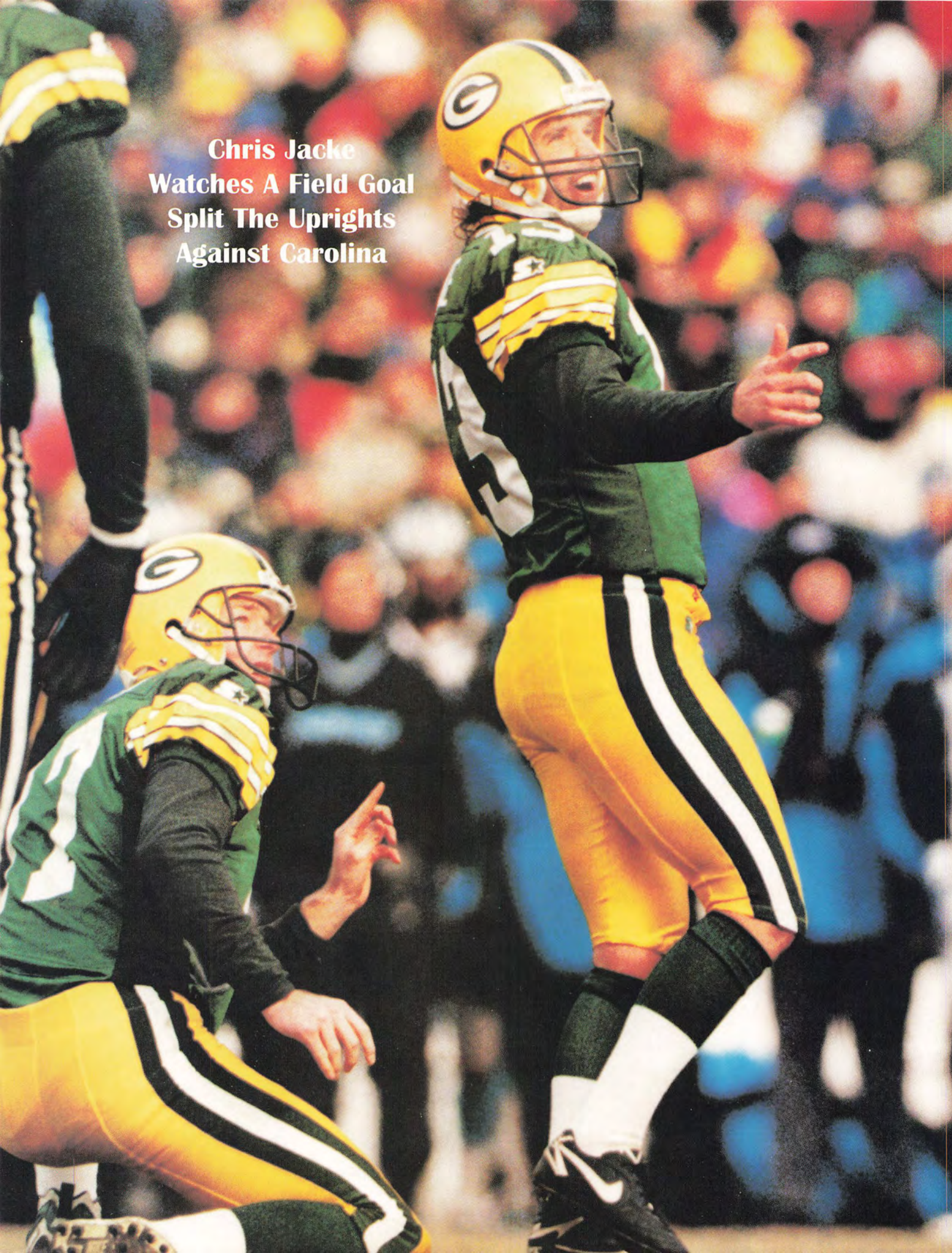
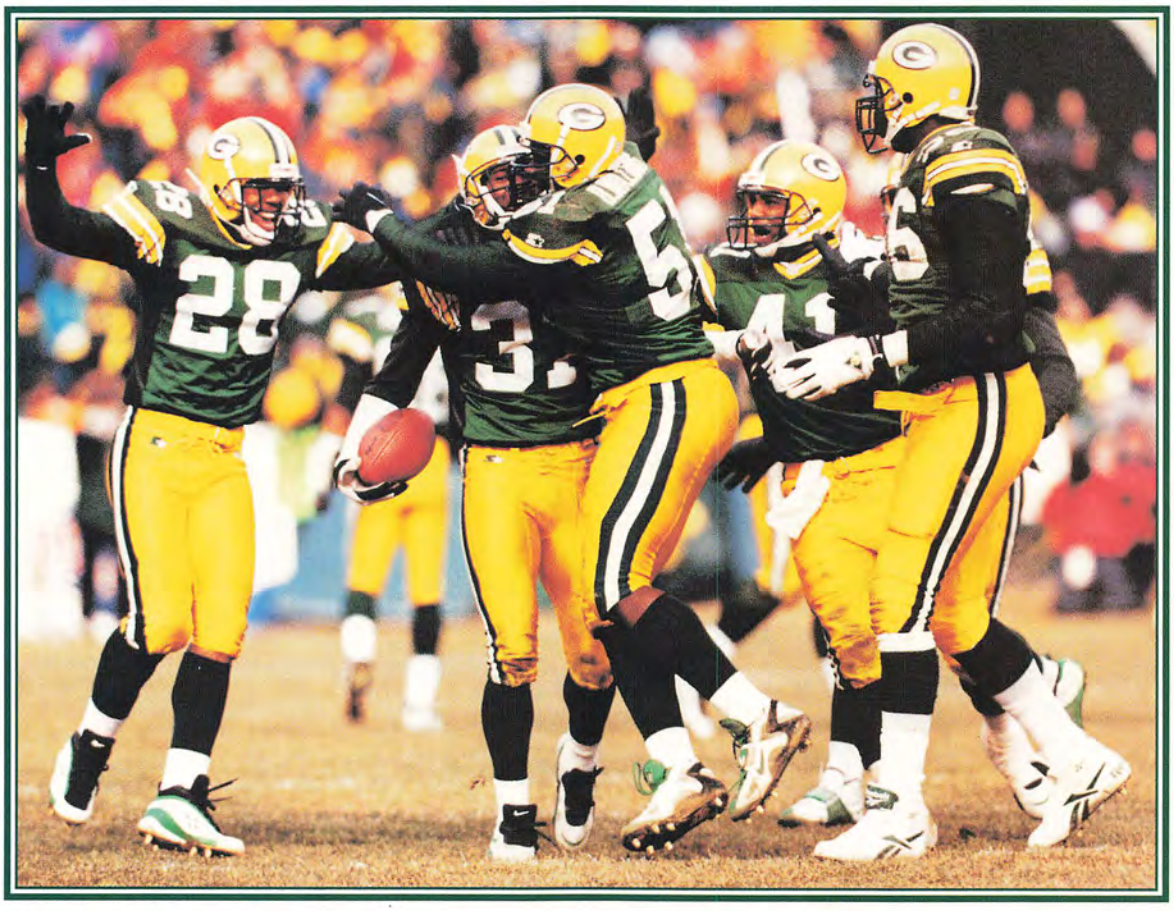


Andre Rison
Looks Downfield
After A Reception

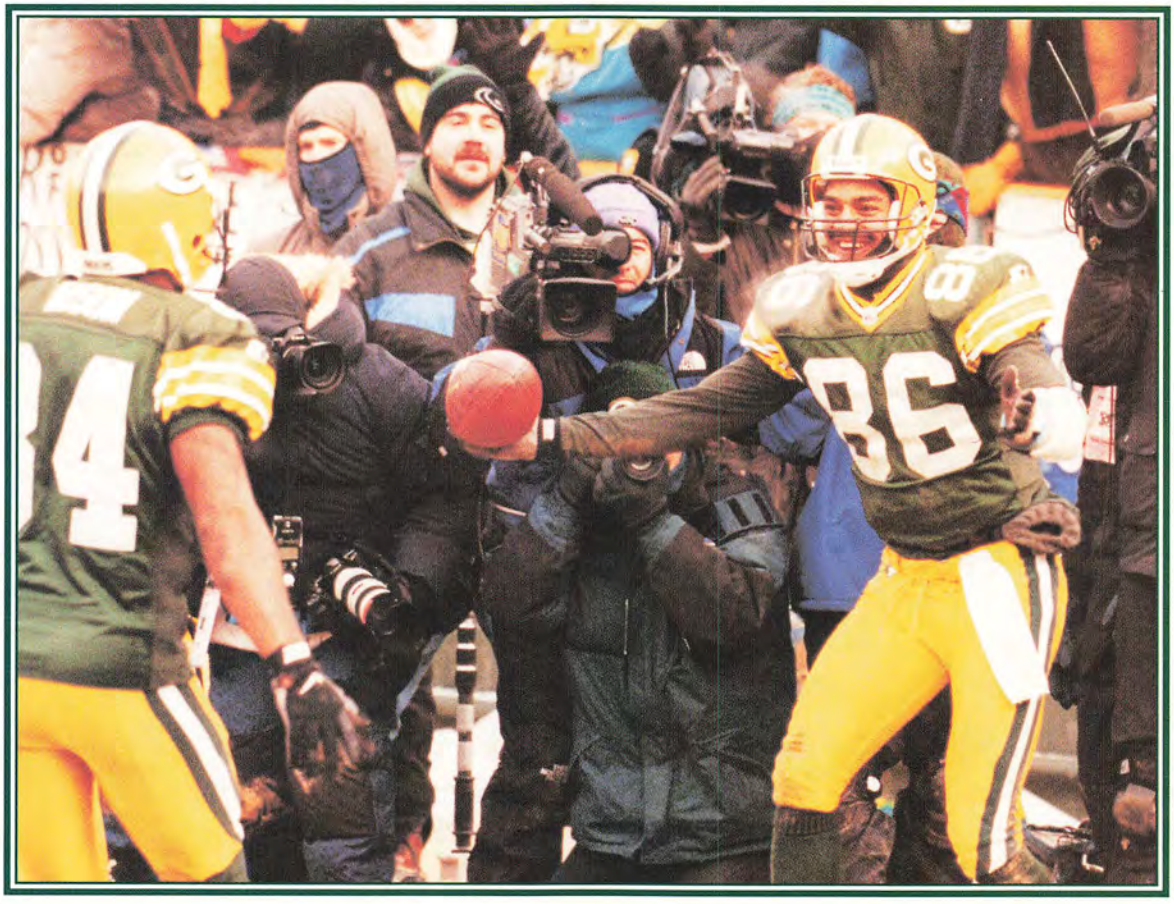


Chris Jacke
Watches A Field Goal
Split The Uprights
Against Carolina



Above: The defense celebrates after a Green Bay interception.

Below: Andre Rison and Antonio Freeman celebrate a touchdown.



MARK WALLENFANG (3)

NFC Championship

Packers 30, Panthers 13

Final Team Stats

	Panthers	Packers
First Downs	12	22
Rushes-Yards	14-45	45-201
Passing Yards	206	278
Return Yards	14	38
Comp-Att-Int	19-37-2	19-29-1
Sacks-Yards Lost	2-9	1-14
Punts-Average	5-36.0	2-36.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	4-25	5-45
Time of Possession	21:57	38:03

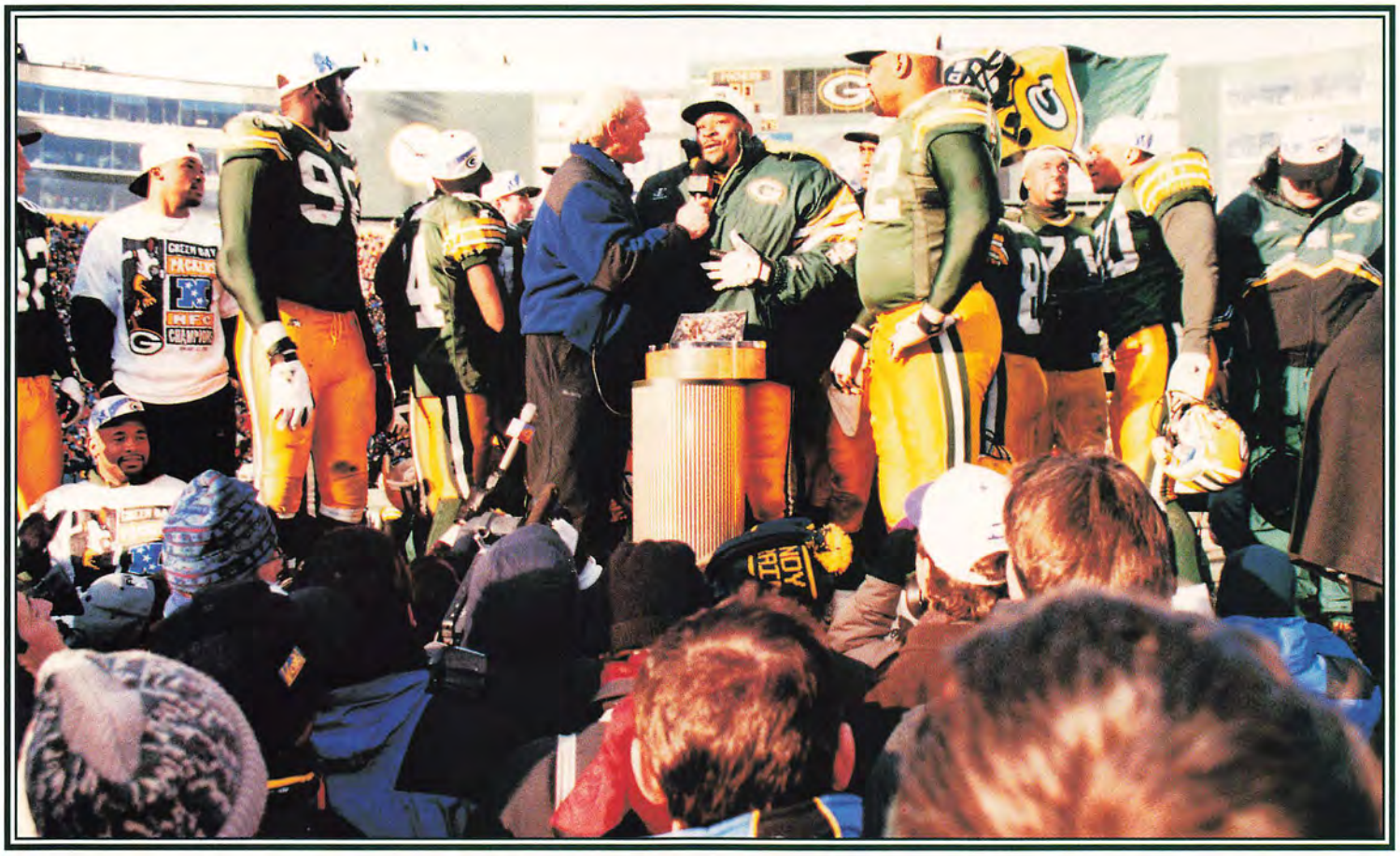
General Manager Ron Wolf celebrates the Packers' victory, knowing Super Bowl XXXI is ahead.

Individual Offensive Stats

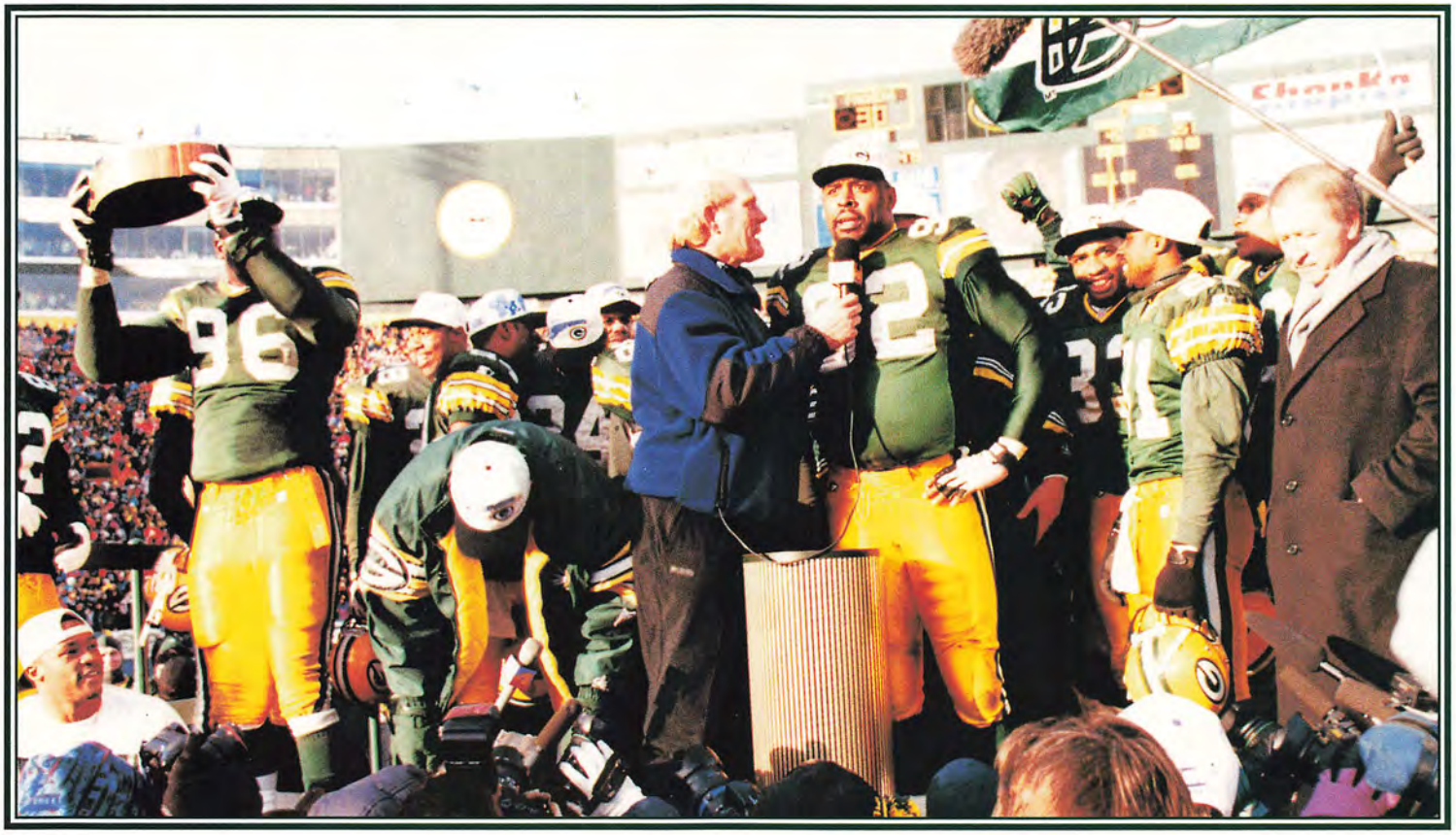
RUSHING	Green Bay:	Edgar Bennett 25-99, Dorsey Levens 10-88, Brett Favre 5-14, Jim McMahon 4-0, William Henderson 1-0
	Carolina:	A. Johnson 11-31, W. Oliver 2-15, K. Collins 1-1
PASSING	Green Bay:	Brett Favre 19-29-1-292
	Carolina:	K. Collins 19-37-2-215
RECEIVING	Green Bay:	Dorsey Levens 5-117 , Antonio Freeman 4-43, Andre Rison 3-53, Keith Jackson 3-30, Edgar Bennett 2-5, Don Beebe 1-29, Mark Chmura 1-15
	Carolina:	W. Green 5-51, M. Carrier 4-65, H. Griffith 4-23, W. Walls 3-33, R. Ismail 1-24, A. Johnson 1-14, W. Oliver 1-5
MISSED FIELD GOALS	Green Bay:	Chris Jacke 46
	Carolina:	None

Green Bay fans are ready to get down to business.

MARK WALLENFANG (5)



Above: Keith Jackson talks with Terry Bradshaw about the victory over Carolina and the upcoming Super Bowl.
Below: Reggie White talks with Terry Bradshaw while Sean Jones holds up the NFC Championship trophy.



Playoffs: Saturday, January 4, 1997

Green Bay 35, San Francisco 14

San Francisco entered its NFC Divisional Playoff game against Green Bay hoping to avenge a tough 23-20 overtime loss to the Packers earlier in the year on Monday Night Football.

The Packers, however, refused to lose, getting several early scores and holding off all San Francisco threats. In a game played in a steady, cold rain on a slippery, muddy field, the Packers triumphed 35-14, turning in their 17th straight victory at Lambeau Field and tenth straight postseason victory at home, which was a new NFL record.

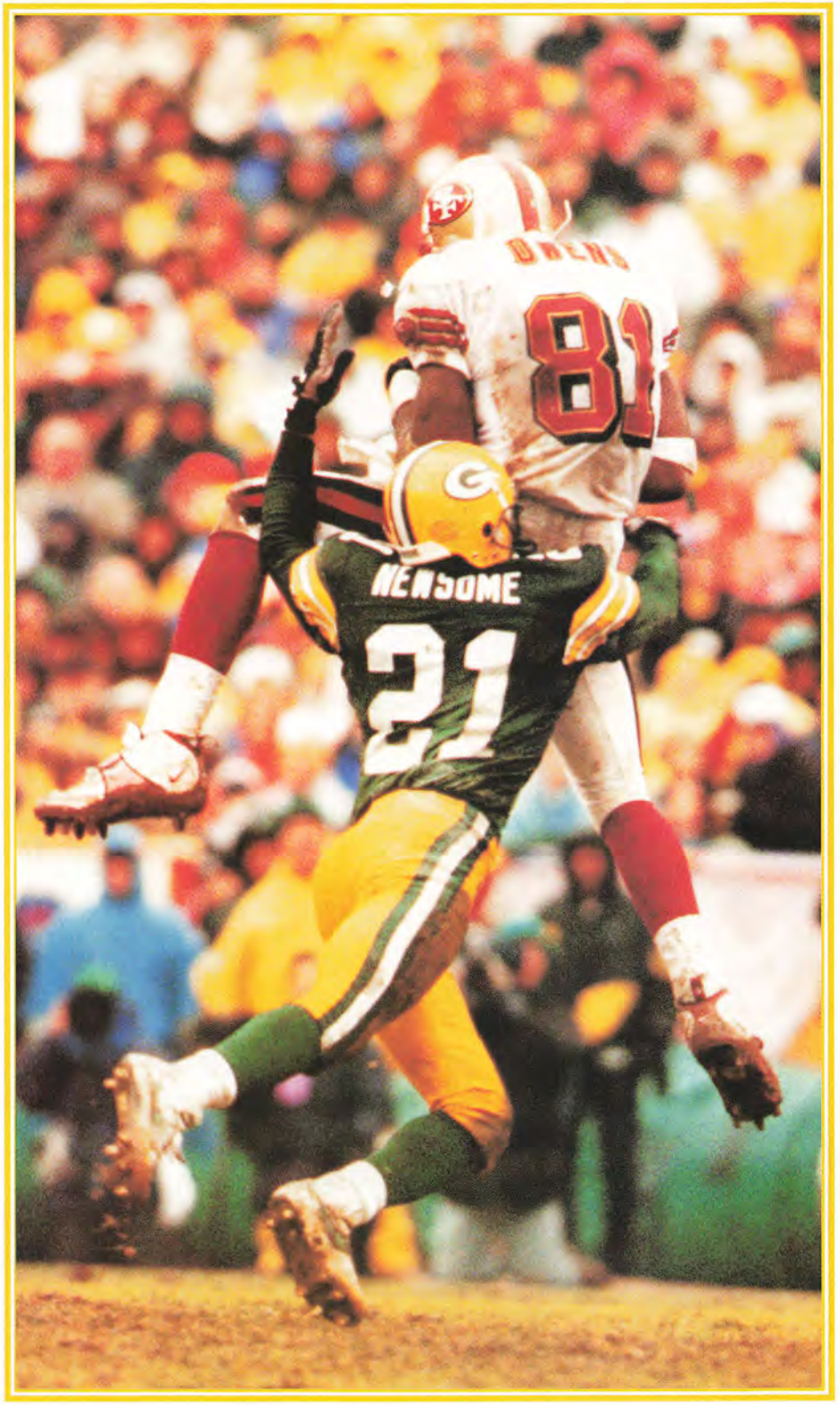
Despite the poor conditions, a Lambeau Field-record crowd of 60,787 attended the playoff game; there were just three unused tickets.

Special teams play was the key to the contest. Desmond Howard returned two kicks for a total of 117 yards in the first quarter, helping boost the Packers to a 14-0 lead. Howard returned the first punt 71 yards for a touchdown, then brought back another kick 46 yards to the 49ers' 6 yard line. Two plays later, Brett Favre hit Andre Rison on a 5-yard touchdown pass.

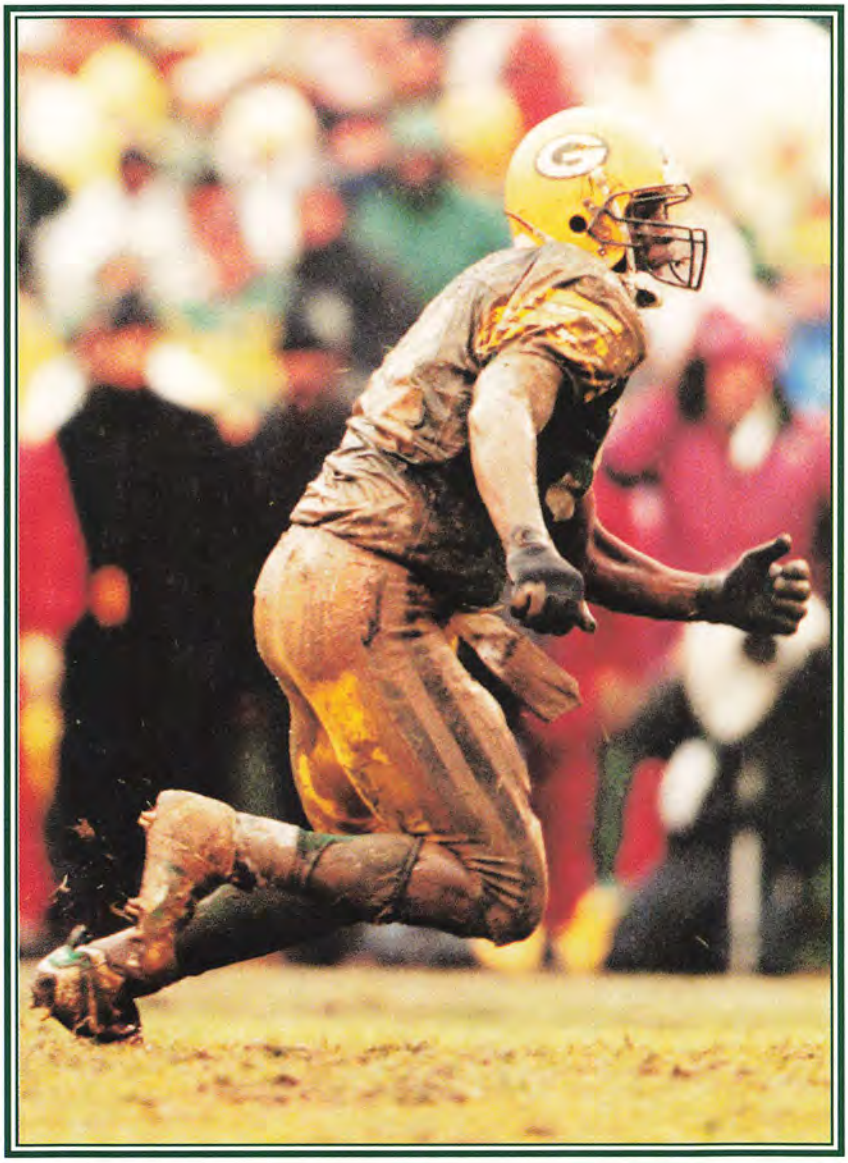
Neither team managed much offense in the first half. While the Packers had only short scoring drives, the 49ers punted the first five times they had the ball before quarterback Elvis Grbac (who replaced injured starting QB Steve Young after two offensive series) was intercepted by the Packers' Craig Newsome. Edgar Bennett later scored on a 2-yard run to give the Packers a 21-0 lead.

On their first possession of the second half, the Packers scored on a long drive, making the score 28-14. Bennett dove over the goal line from 3 yards out, but fumbled the ball. Antonio Freeman recovered the ball in the end zone for a Packer touchdown.

A pair of fourth-quarter fumbles by San Francisco – the last of the two on a punt return – helped the Packers score their final touchdown of the game on a 12-yard run by Bennett.



Craig Newsome hits T. Owens in the rain.



Edgar Bennett takes his first step towards Favre for a handoff.

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San Francisco 49ers	0	7	7	0	14

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1	**Green Bay**	(2:15)	--Desmond Howard 71 yard PUNT RETURN TD	7-0
1	**Green Bay**	(8:44)	--Andre Rison 4 yard TD PASS from Brett Favre	14-0
2	**Green Bay**	(11:42)	--Edgar Bennett 2 yard TD RUN	21-0
2	San Fran.	(14:36)	--Terry Kirby 8 yard TD PASS from Elvis Grbac	21-7
3	San Fran.	(0:16)	--Elvis Grbac 4 yard TD RUN	21-14
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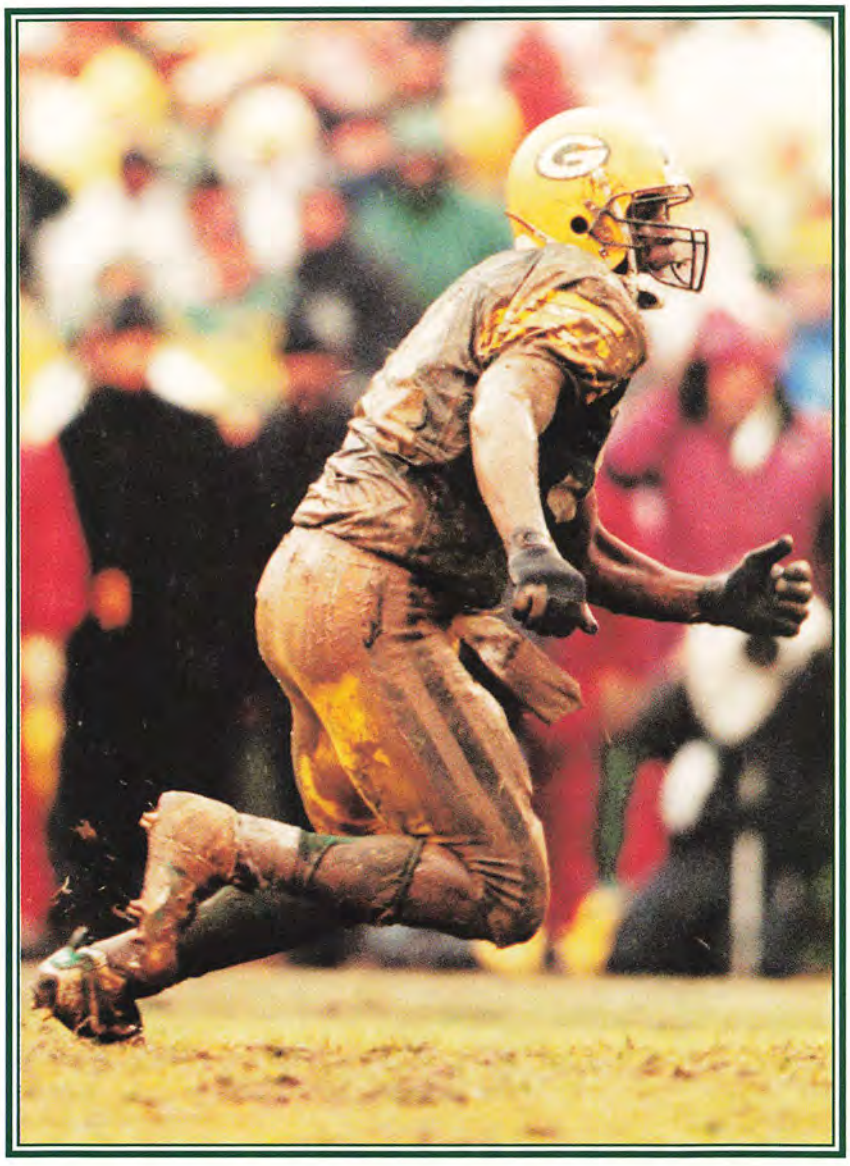

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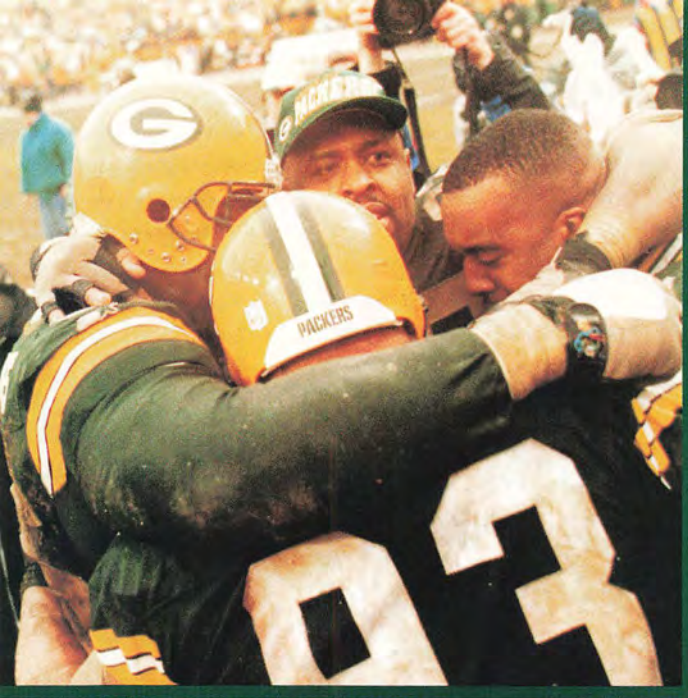

Top Left: White, Jones, Brown and Dotson celebrate victory.

Top Right: Freeman dances after he scores a TD.

Above: Howard strikes a pose as he crosses the goal line.

Right: The Packers defense is all pumped up after stopping the 49ers on 4th and 1.

MARK WALLENFANG (5)

Brett Favre
Celebrates A Packer
Touchdown
RISON
84
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NFC Playoffs

Packers 35, 49ers 14

Final Team Stats

	49ers	**Packers**
First Downs	12	15
Rushes-Yards	18-68	39-139
Passing Yards	128	71
Return Yards	23	122
Comp-Att-Int	21-41-3	11-15-0
Sacks-Yards Lost	1-5	1-8
Punts-Average	6-35.8	6-43.2
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	5-1
Penalties-Yards	6-42	1-5
Time of Possession	26:02	33:58

Lambeau field gets new sod.

Individual Offensive Stats

RUSHING	Green Bay:	Edgar Bennett 17-80, Dorsey Levens 15-46, Brett Favre 5-9, William Henderson 2-4
	San Fran:	E. Grbac 4-32, T. Kirby 6-14, W. Floyd 5-13, T. Vardell 2-6, S. Young 1-3
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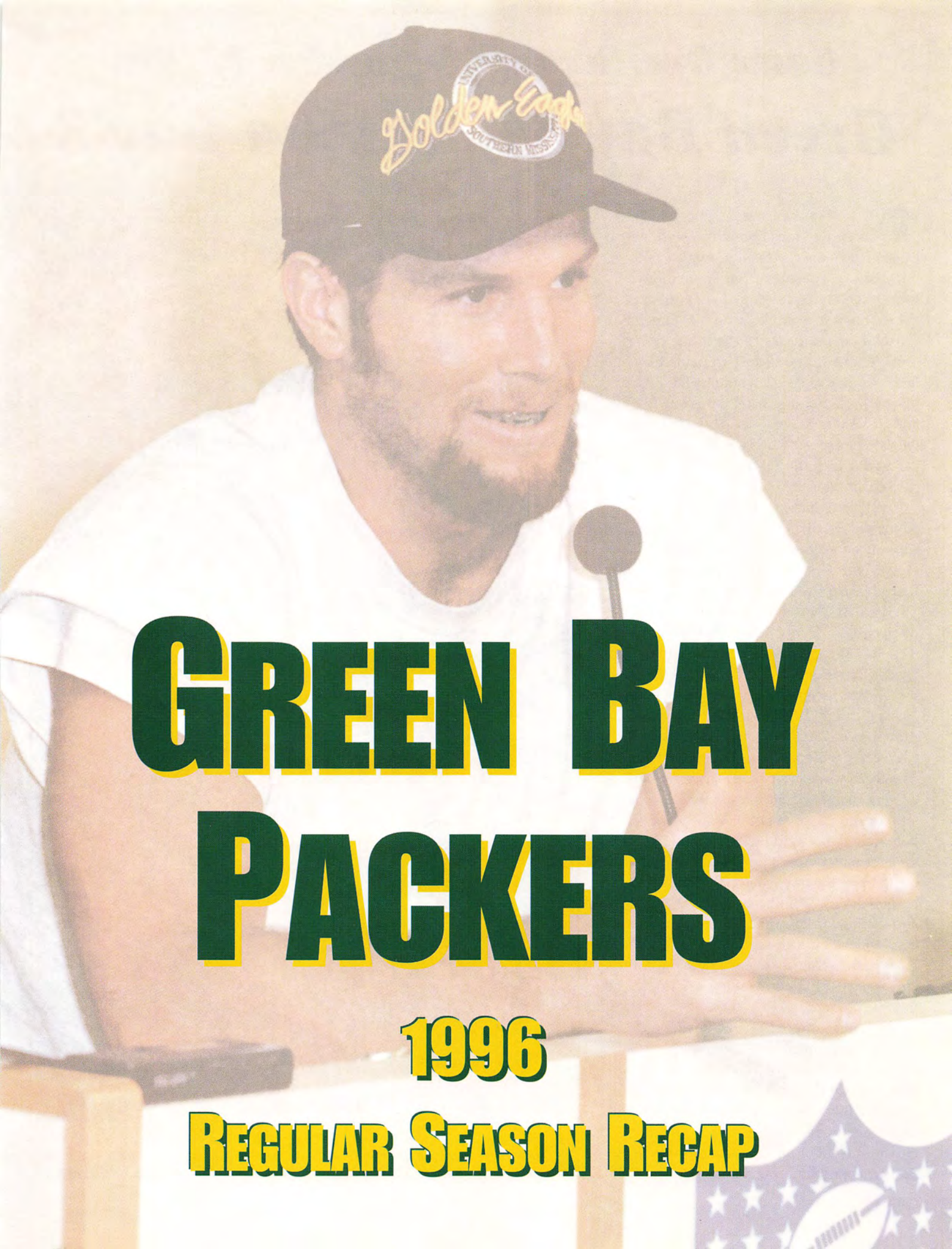
Lets get ready for the NFC championship game, were not finished yet!

Reggie White works hard against San Francisco.



GREEN BAY PACKERS

1996

REGULAR SEASON RECAP

Game One: Sunday, September 1, 1996

Green Bay 34, Tampa Bay 3

The 1995-96 NFL season opened just as Green Bay fans hoped it would, with a huge victory over a division rival.

Packers quarterback Brett Favre threw four touchdown passes – three of them in the first half to Keith Jackson – as Green Bay finished off Tampa Bay early in the contest.

Favre, the league's Most Valuable Player last season, picked up where he left off by hitting Jackson for scoring passes of 1, 4, and 51 yards. Favre, whose other TD pass went to Dorsey Levens, was 20-for-27 for 247 yards, including 8-for-8 for 97 yards in the second half.

The Packer defense, which caused only 16 turnovers during the course of last season, forced six against the Buccaneers. The victory was Green Bay's biggest over Tampa Bay since a 55-14 win on October 2, 1993.

In the first quarter, Green Bay's Mike Prior intercepted a Trent Dilfer pass and returned it to the Buccaneer 37, setting up Chris Jacke's 23-yard field goal with 6:43 left in the period. Less than three minutes later, Jackson caught his first touchdown pass from Favre. That score came one play after Green Bay wide receiver Antonio Freeman gained 26 yards after snagging a fumble, putting the ball at the Tampa Bay 1.

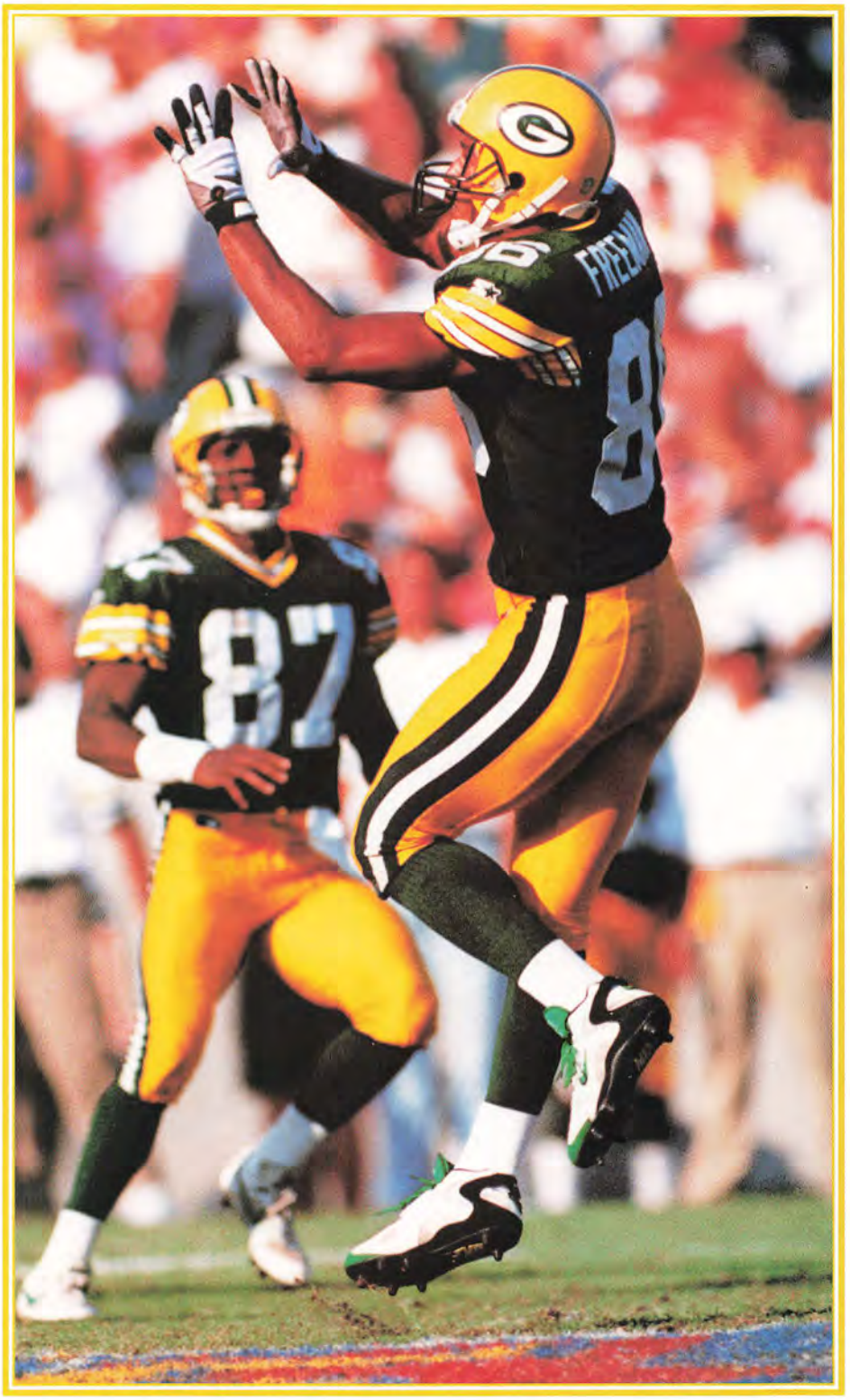
Later, after Tampa got its only points on a field goal, Favre and Jackson connected for touchdowns twice in just over a minute to break open the game before halftime.

The Packers took the second-half kickoff and went 42 yards in just over five minutes before Jacke hit a 40-yard kick.

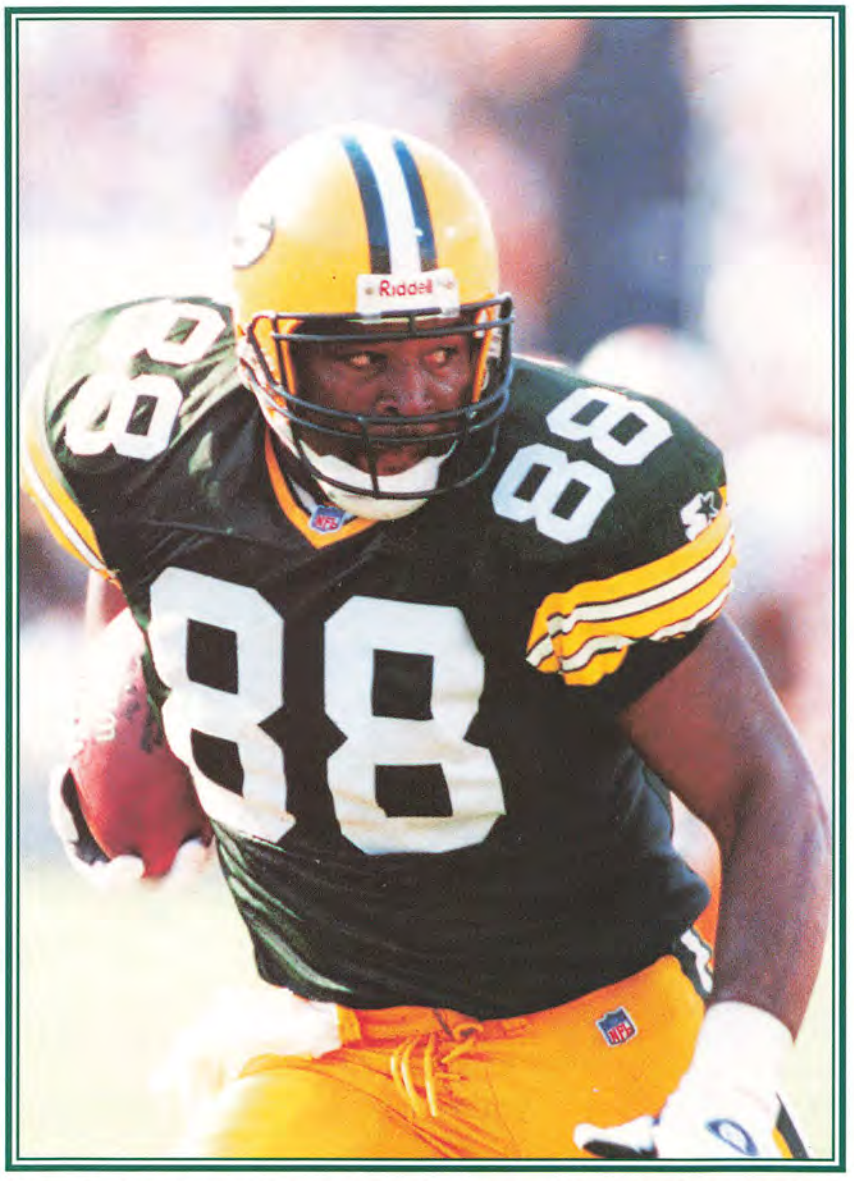
Favre then found Levens in the flat for Green Bay's final points with 5:35 to play in the third period.

Freeman caught six passes for 82 yards, and Jackson contributed five for 75 yards. Edgar Bennett ran for 62 yards, and Levens added 48 for Green Bay.

Tampa Bay's Trent Dilfer had a miserable day against Green Bay's stifling defense. He hit only 13 of his 30 pass attempts for 123 yards and had four interceptions.



Green Bay receiver Antonio Freeman takes to the sky for a catch in the season opener agaisnt Tampa Bay. He finished with six catches for 82 yards.



Keith Jackson takes off with the ball after a catch against Tampa Bay. He had three touchdown receptions in the Packers' 34-3 win.

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Total Buccaneer turnovers against Green Bay, only 10 less than the total turnovers for all teams in 1995 against the Packers

17:52

The difference in the time of possession between the Packers and the Buccaneers, who struggled on offense all afternoon

0

The number of incomplete passes by Brett Favre in the second half against Tampa ... He hit 8 out of 8 for 97 yards

Scoring Summary

Packers 34, Buccaneers 3

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Green Bay Packers	**10**	**14**	**10**	**0**	**34**
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	0	3	0	0	3

Qtr.	Team	Time	Scoring Play	Score
1	**Green Bay**	(8:17)	Chris Jacke 23 yard FIELD GOAL	3-0
1	**Green Bay**	(10:53)	Keith Jackson 1 yard TD PASS from Brett Favre	10-0
2	Tampa Bay	(0:55)	Michael Husted 48 yard FIELD GOAL	10-3
2	**Green Bay**	(13:20)	Keith Jackson 4 yard TD PASS from Brett Favre	17-3
2	**Green Bay**	(14:21)	Keith Jackson 51 yard TD PASS from Brett Favre	24-3
3	**Green Bay**	(5:08)	Chris Jacke 40 yard FIELD GOAL	27-3
3	**Green Bay**	(9:25)	Dorsey Levens 1 yard TD PASS from Brett Favre	34-3

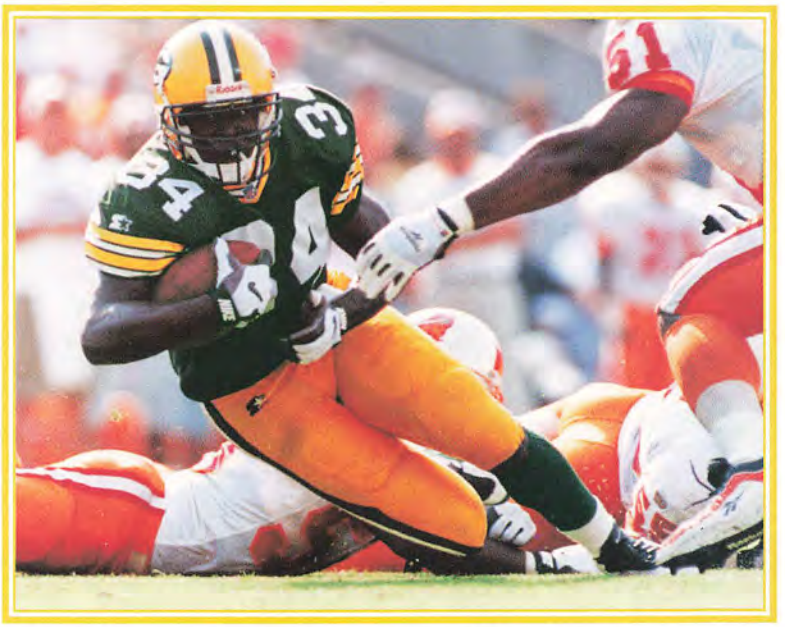
MARK WALLENFANG (2)

Game One

Packers 34, Buccaneers 3

Final Team Stats

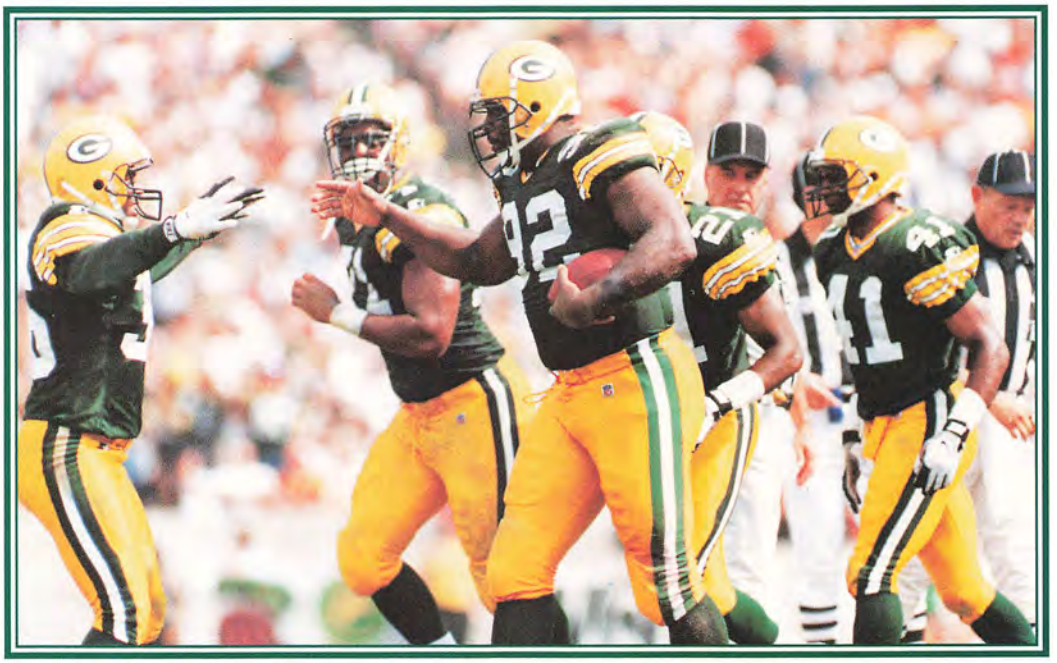
	Packers	Buccaneers
First Downs	24	15
Rushes-Yards	35-139	23-59
Passing Yards	267	117
Return Yards	110	0
Comp-Att-Int	21-28-0	13-30-4
Sacks-Yards Lost	1-4	1-6
Punts-Average	2-45	3-46
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	3-2
Penalties-Yards	6-64	3-20
Time of Possession	38:56	21:04



Edgar Bennett goes up for the middle for some of his 62 yards rushing against the Buccaneers on September 1, 1996.

Individual Offensive Stats

RUSHING	Green Bay:	Edgar Bennett 13-62, Dorsey Levens 12-48, Travis Jervey 5-13, William Henderson 3-13, Robert Brooks 1-2, Brett Favre 1-1
	Tampa Bay:	R. Brooks 6-20, M. Alstott 5-15, L. Thompson 3-14, J. Ellison 8-10, T. Dilfer 1-0
PASSING	Green Bay:	Brett Favre 20-27-0-247, Jim McMahon 1-1-0-24
	Tampa Bay:	T. Dilfer 13-30-4-123
RECEIVING	Green Bay:	Antonio Freeman 6-82, Keith Jackson 5-76, Robert Brooks 3-25, Mark Chmura 2-24, Dorsey Levens 2-20, Jeff Thomason 1-24, Willam Henderson 1-12, Edgar Bennett 1-8
	Tampa Bay:	M. Alstott 4-42, A. Harper 3-35, J. Harris 2-19, C. Hawkins 2-16, L. Thompson 1-6, D. Moore 1-5
MISSED FIELD GOALS	Green Bay:	Chris Jacke 46
	Tampa Bay:	None



Reggie White celebrates with teammates after a fumble recovery against Tampa Bay.

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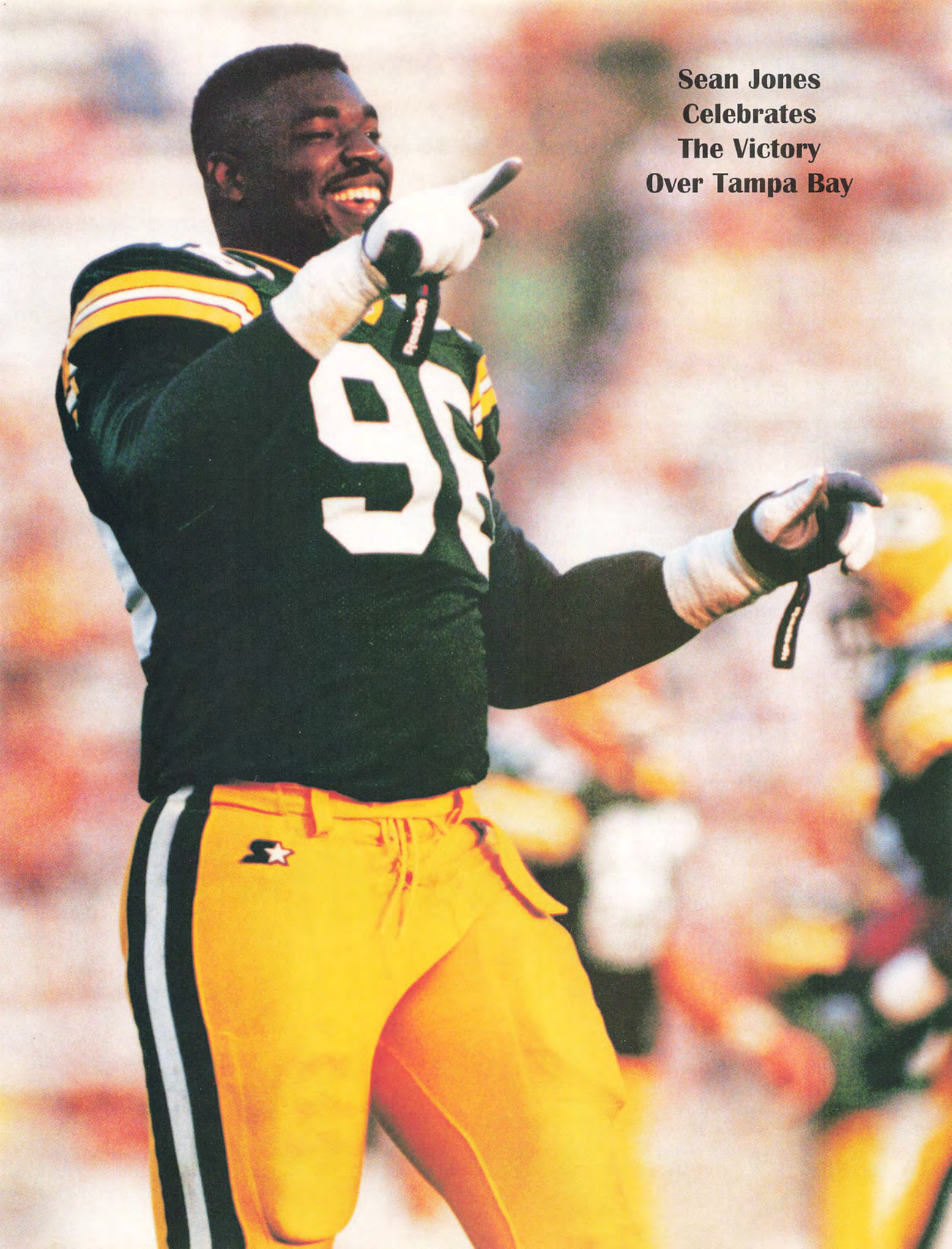


Sean Jones Celebrates The Victory Over Tampa Bay

Game Two: Monday, September 9, 1996

Green Bay 39, Philadelphia 13

The last time the Green Bay Packers appeared on ABC's "Monday Night Football," the Chicago Bears beat them handily, 25-12. The date was September 22, 1986.

Roughly 10 years later, the Packers presented a much better show for the national television audience.

Brett Favre threw for 261 yards and three touchdowns – including two to Robert Brooks – and the defense intercepted three Philadelphia passes as the Packers defeated the Eagles and moved their record to 2-0.

Favre, who hit open Packer arms on 17 of his 31 pass attempts, found Brooks on scoring tosses of 25 and 20 yards in the first half. Brooks finished the game with five receptions for 130 yards, the 10th 100-yard effort of his career.

Favre, who led the Packers to a 30-7 advantage at halftime, improved his passing TD total to seven through two games of the regular season.

Chris Jacke added three first-half field goals to help Green Bay become the NFL's highest scoring team through two weeks.

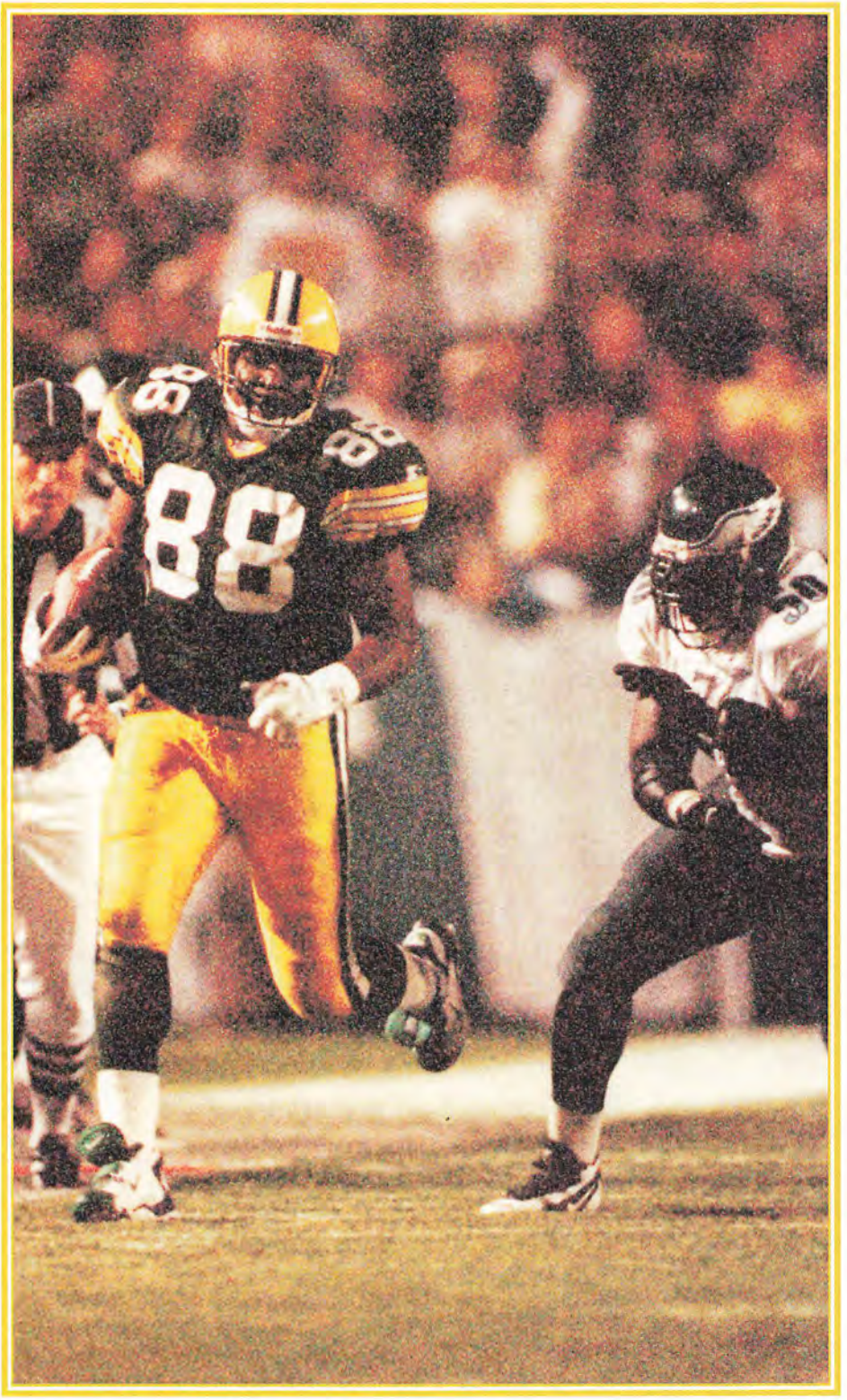
In addition, the Packers forced four more turnovers to boost their season total to 10 through two games, compared to 16 in all of the previous season.

Philadelphia, which saw its record fall to 1-1, gave up the most points since allowing 48 against Oakland in 1995.

The Packers opened the scoring early in the first period when cornerback Doug Evans recovered Eagles receiver Chris Jones' fumble at the Philadelphia 14. That led to a 29-yard field goal from Jacke.

Favre's first scoring pass to Brooks, which came with 1:40 left in the opening quarter, capped a five-play, 57-yard sequence. The drive featured Favre completing an 11-yard pass to running back Edgar Bennett and a 20-yard strike to tight end Mark Chmura.

The Packers scored on another drive when Bennett had runs of 16 and 11 yards, setting up a one-yard scoring plunge by Dorsey Levens.



Keith Jackson heads down the sideline with his eyes on the end zone after catching a pass from Brett Favre against Philadelphia.

Robert Brooks heads for the stands to do a "Lambeau Leap" after one of his two touchdown receptions against the Eagles.

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Green Bay's total points in their first two games, which made the Packers the top scoring team in the NFL over that span

10

Total turnovers forced by the Packers in two games after the Eagles committed four miscues in the Monday night contest

130

Robert Brooks' total receiving yards against the Eagles, good enough to register his 10th career 100-yard effort

Scoring Summary

Packers 39, Eagles 13

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Philadelphia Eagles	0	7	0	6	13
Green Bay Packers	**10**	**20**	**7**	**2**	**39**

Qtr.	Team	Time	Scoring Play	Score
1	**Green Bay**	(2:25)	Chris Jacke 29 yard FIELD GOAL	3-0
1	**Green Bay**	(13:20)	Robert Brooks 25 yard TD PASS from Brett Favre	10-0
2	**Green Bay**	(0:04)	Chris Jacke 44 yard FIELD GOAL	13-0
2	**Green Bay**	(5:40)	Dorsey Levens 1 yard TD RUN	20-0
2	**Green Bay**	(9:42)	Chris Jacke 38 yard FIELD GOAL	23-0
2	Philadelphia	(13:04)	Ricky Watters 1 yard TD RUN	23-7
2	**Green Bay**	(14:34)	Robert Brooks 20 yard TD PASS from Brett Favre	30-7
3	**Green Bay**	(8:46)	Edgar Bennett 25 yard TD PASS from Brett Favre	37-7
4	**Green Bay**	(3:54)	SAFETY	39-7
4	Philadelphia	(14:30)	Charlie Garner 1 yard TD RUN	39-13
4	Philadelphia	(14:30)	Ty Detmer TWO POINT PASS FAILED	39-13

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Game Two

Packers 39, Eagles 13

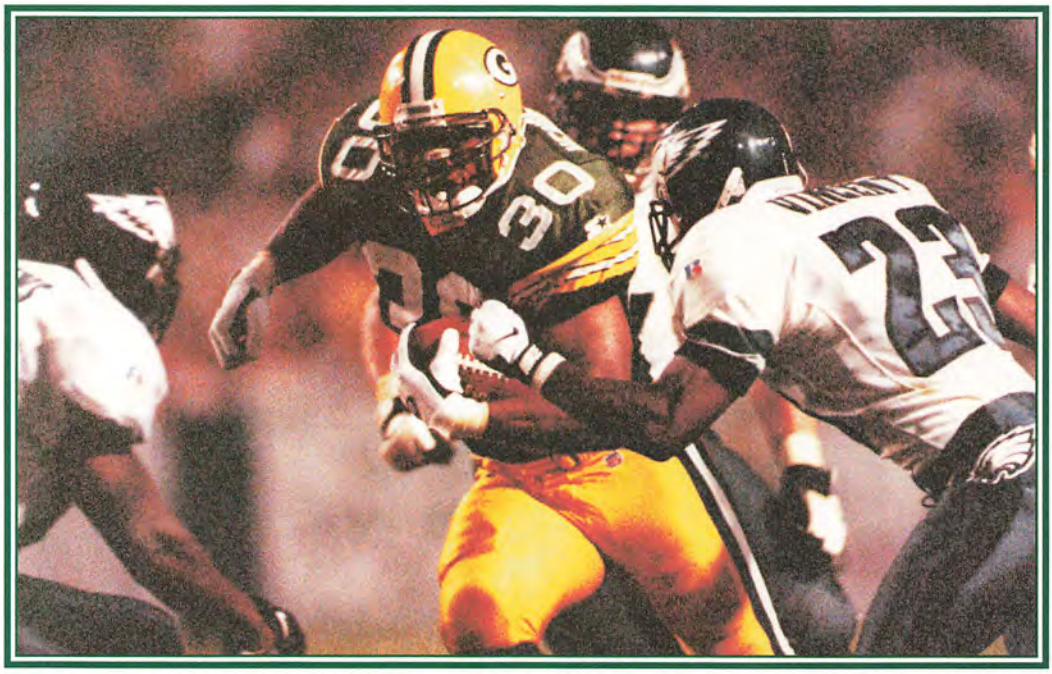
Final Team Stats

	Eagles	Packers
First Downs	14	23
Rushes-Yards	17-59	38-171
Passing Yards	200	261
Return Yards	14	36
Comp-Att-Int	16-36-3	17-32-0
Sacks-Yards Lost	3-12	1-0
Punts-Average	5-48	3-55
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-0
Penalties-Yards	8-49	5-23
Time of Possession	23:33	36:27

Defensive tackle Darius Holland knocks the ball away from Eagles quarterback Ty Detmer.

Individual Offensive Stats

RUSHING	Green Bay:	Edgar Bennett 17-93, Willam Henderson 6-40, Dorsey Levens 9-25
	Philadelphia:	R. Watters 10-38, C. Garner 3-10, T. Detmer 2-7, R. Peete 2-4
PASSING	Green Bay:	Brett Favre 17-31-0-261, Craig Hentrich 0-1-0-0
	Philadelphia:	T. Detmer 6-11-0-70, R. Peete 10-25-3-142
RECEIVING	Green Bay:	Robert Brooks 5-130, Edgar Bennett 5-49, Mark Chmura 2-31, Keith Jackson 2-27 William Henderson 2-3, Antonio Freeman 1-21
	Philadelphia:	C. Jones 4-63, C. Garner 3-21, M. Ingram 2-33, K. Turner 2-14, M. Seay 2-12 I. Fryar 1-50, J. Dunn 1-18, R. Watters 1-1
MISSED FIELD GOALS	Green Bay:	None
	Philadelphia:	None



William Henderson runs through the Philadelphia defense on September 9, 1996.

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Brett Favre Is Introduced To The Monday Night Crowd

Game Three: Sunday, September 15, 1996

Green Bay 42, San Diego 10

Three weeks into the 1996 season, the Green Bay Packers were already starting to look unstoppable.

Quarterback Brett Favre had another outstanding game, passing for 231 yards and three touchdowns in a rout of the San Diego Chargers. The performance gave Favre 10 touchdowns in Green Bay's three wins to start the 1996 season.

The MVP quarterback threw for an NFC-record 38 touchdowns during the 1995 season for Green Bay.

Favre, who completed 22 of 34 passes with one interception against the Chargers, hit Antonio Freeman with a 19-yard TD strike and hooked up with fullback William Henderson on an 8-yard scoring play to help the Packers build a 21-3 halftime lead. Favre also tossed a 7-yard touchdown throw to tight end Keith Jackson during the third period.

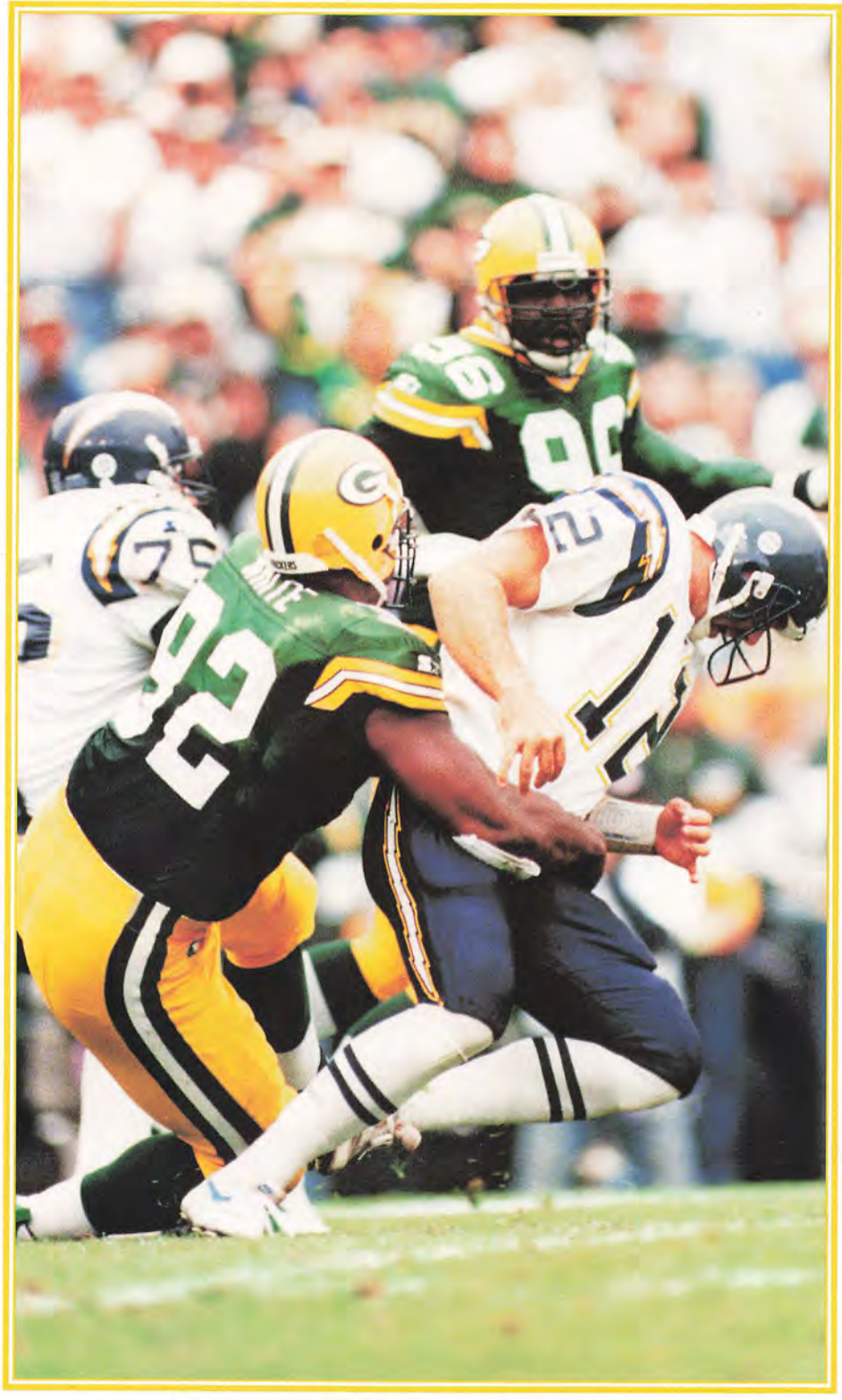
Favre's favorite target against a listless San Diego squad was Robert Brooks, who finished with eight catches for 108 yards.

The superb Green Bay defense forced four turnovers – including two interceptions by safety LeRoy Butler – which increased the Packers' caused-turnover total to 14 in three games. The Packers had only 16 takeaways in the entire 1995 season. Butler returned one of his interceptions 90 yards for a touchdown in the fourth quarter.

With the win, the Packers registered their 14th victory in their past 15 games at Lambeau Field. It was San Diego's first loss of the 1996 season.

Edgar Bennett scored on a 10-yard run 5:09 into the game to give the Packers a 7-0 lead. The key play in the 55-yard drive was a 31-yard, third-down pass from Favre to Brooks that took Green Bay to the San Diego 19-yard line.

Later, the Packers took a kickoff after a Chargers field goal and went 80 yards in six plays. Favre hit Don Beebe with a 28-yard pass before finding Freeman open in the end zone to give the Packers a 14-3 lead.



Reggie White moves in and strips the ball during action against the San Diego Chargers on September 15, 1996.

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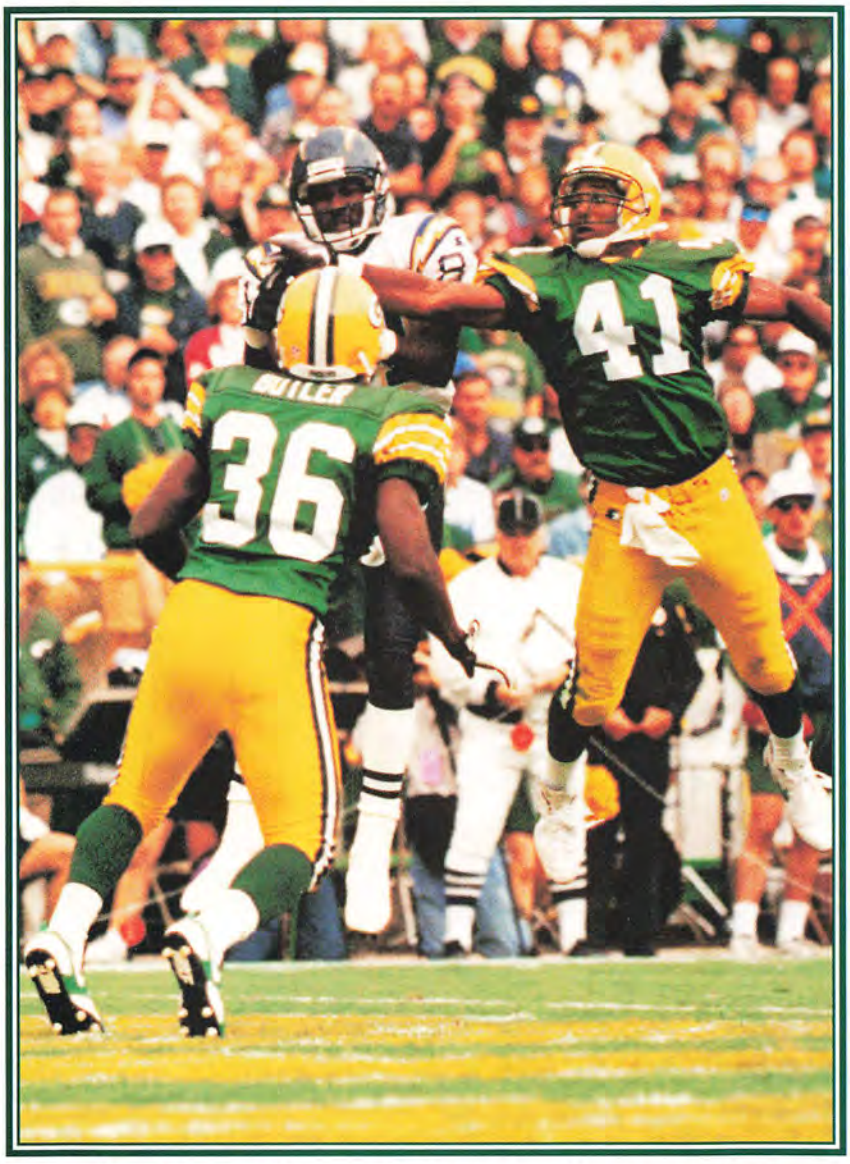

LeRoy Butler and Eugene Robinson play close pass defense against the Chargers. Butler had two interceptions in the game.

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The Packers' record in their previous 15 games at Lambeau Field after their victory over San Diego

108

Robert Brooks' total yards receiving in eight catches against the Chargers

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Green Bay's third-down conversion ratio in the 42-10 victory against San Diego ... the Chargers, meanwhile, converted only 2 of their 12 third-down plays

Scoring Summary

Packers 42, Chargers 10

Team	1	2	3	4	F
San Diego Chargers	3	0	0	7	10
Green Bay Packers	**7**	**14**	**7**	**14**	**42**

Qtr.	Team	Time	Scoring Play	Score
1	**Green Bay**	(5:09)	Edgar Bennett 10 yard TD RUN	7-0
1	San Diego	(13:55)	John Carney 43 yard FIELD GOAL	7-3
2	**Green Bay**	(2:00)	Antonio Freeman 19 yard TD PASS from Brett Favre	14-3
2	**Green Bay**	(13:47)	William Henderson 8 yard TD PASS from Brett Favre	21-3
3	**Green Bay**	(13:08)	Keith Jackson 7 yard TD PASS from Brett Favre	28-3
4	San Diego	(6:44)	Tony Martin 9 yard TD PASS from Stan Humphries	28-10
4	**Green Bay**	(8:29)	LeRoy Butler 90 yard INTERCEPTION RETURN for TD	35-10
4	**Green Bay**	(10:01)	Desmond Howard 65 yard PUNT RETURN for TD	42-10

Game Three

Packers 42, Chargers 10

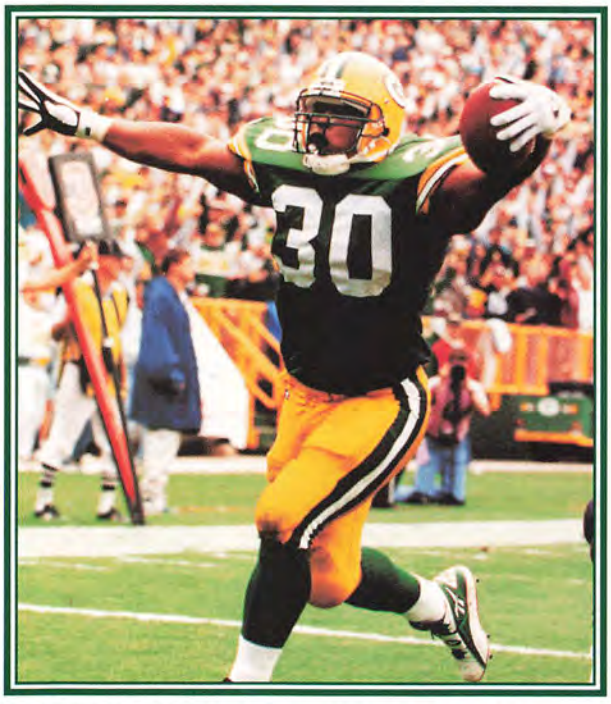
Final Team Stats

	Chargers	Packers
First Downs	11	23
Rushes-Yards	13-33	36-132
Passing Yards	108	204
Return Yards	14	36
Comp-Att-Int	18-35-2	22-33-1
Sacks-Yards Lost	5-36	2-27
Punts-Average	7-51.9	3-38.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	3-2
Penalties-Yards	8-55	10-90
Time of Possession	21:22	38:38

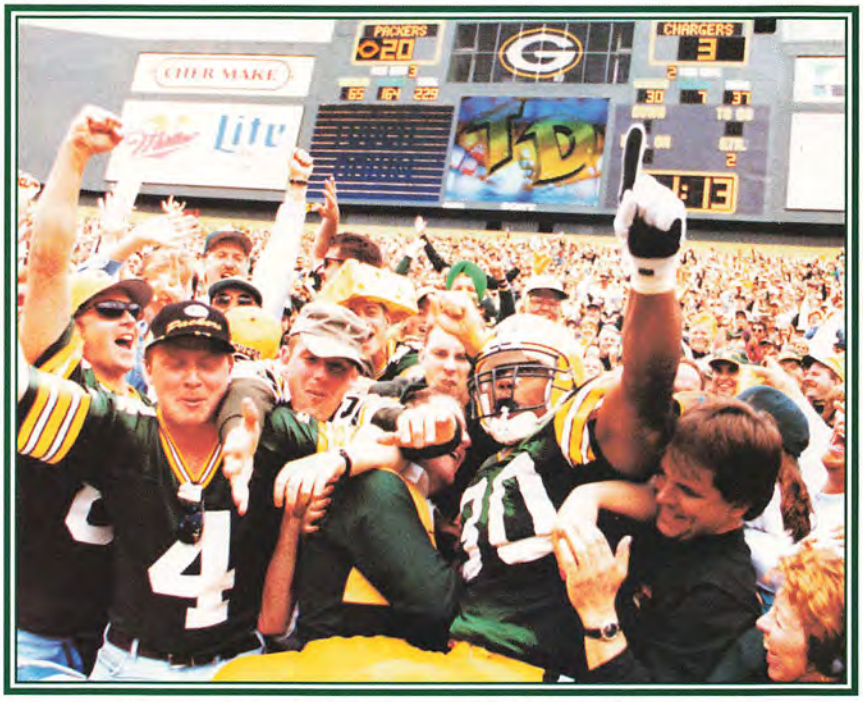
Edgar Bennett runs through a hole in the San Diego defense. He had 65 yards rushing on the day.

Individual Offensive Stats

RUSHING	Green Bay:	Edgar Bennett 13-65, Dorsey Levens 9-39, Travis Jervey 4-14, William Henderson 4-8, Brett Favre 3-7, Jim McMahon 1-0, Robert Brooks 2-1.
	Chargers:	L. Russell 9-27, T. Fletcher 3-3, A. Hayden 1-3.
PASSING	Green Bay:	Brett Favre 22-33-1-231
	Chargers:	S. Humphries 16-31-2-130, S. Salisbury 2-4-0-14.
RECEIVING	Green Bay:	Robert Brooks 8-108, Mark Chmura 4-35, William Henderson 4-26, Keith Jackson 2-10, Don Beebe 1-28, Antonio Freeman 1-19, Edgar Bennett 1-4, Dorsey Levens 1-1
	Chargers:	A. Coleman 5-31, T. Fletcher 4-20, T. Martin 3-38, C. Jones 3-28, A. Pupunu 2-25, D. May 1-2.
MISSED FIELD GOALS	Green Bay:	Chris Jacke 48
	Chargers:	J. Carney 46



William Henderson rumbles in for a score ...



... then jumps into the Lambeau Field crowd to celebrate.

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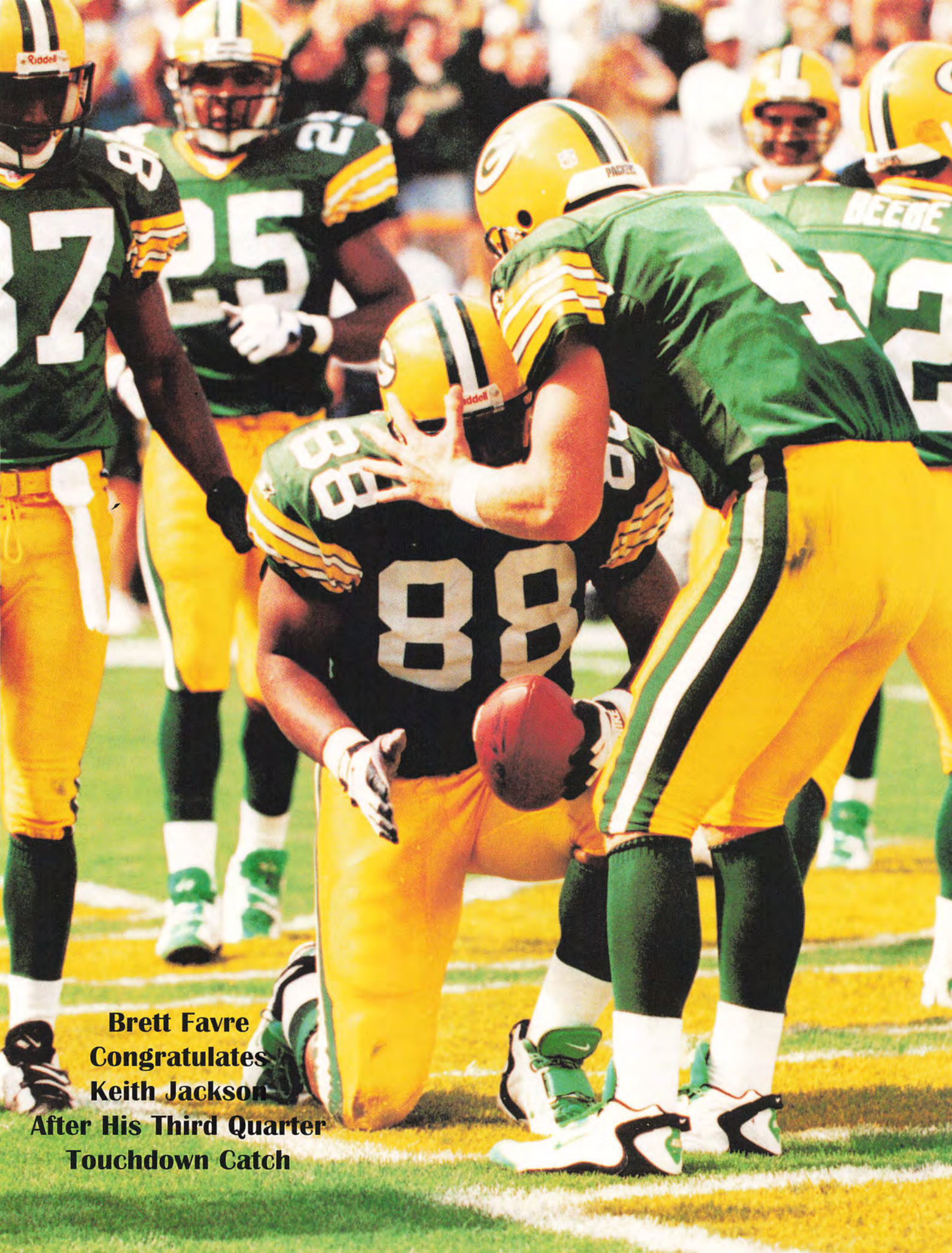


Brett Favre Congratulates Keith Jackson After His Third Quarter Touchdown Catch

Game Four: Sunday, September 22, 1996

Minnesota 30, Green Bay 21

The numbers told the sad story for the Green Bay Packers after they suffered their first loss of the 1996 season, 30-21 at Minnesota. The Packers:

- Converted only one third down.
- Had the ball for only 22 minutes, about 13 minutes below Green Bay's average time of possession entering the game.
- Fumbled the ball on five occasions, losing it three of those times.
- Gave up seven sacks, but made only two.

Nevertheless, Green Bay put up quite a fight, and it was not until Robert Smith made a 37-yard run with 4:13 to play that Minnesota had the lead for good. Smith took a handoff from Warren Moon, dashed through a hole on the right side, and was virtually untouched as he gave Minnesota the lead.

Green Bay started its next possession at its own 35. Brett Favre fumbled on the first play, however, when he was hit from behind by Thomas Randle, and Derrick Alexander grabbed the ball at the Green Bay 28.

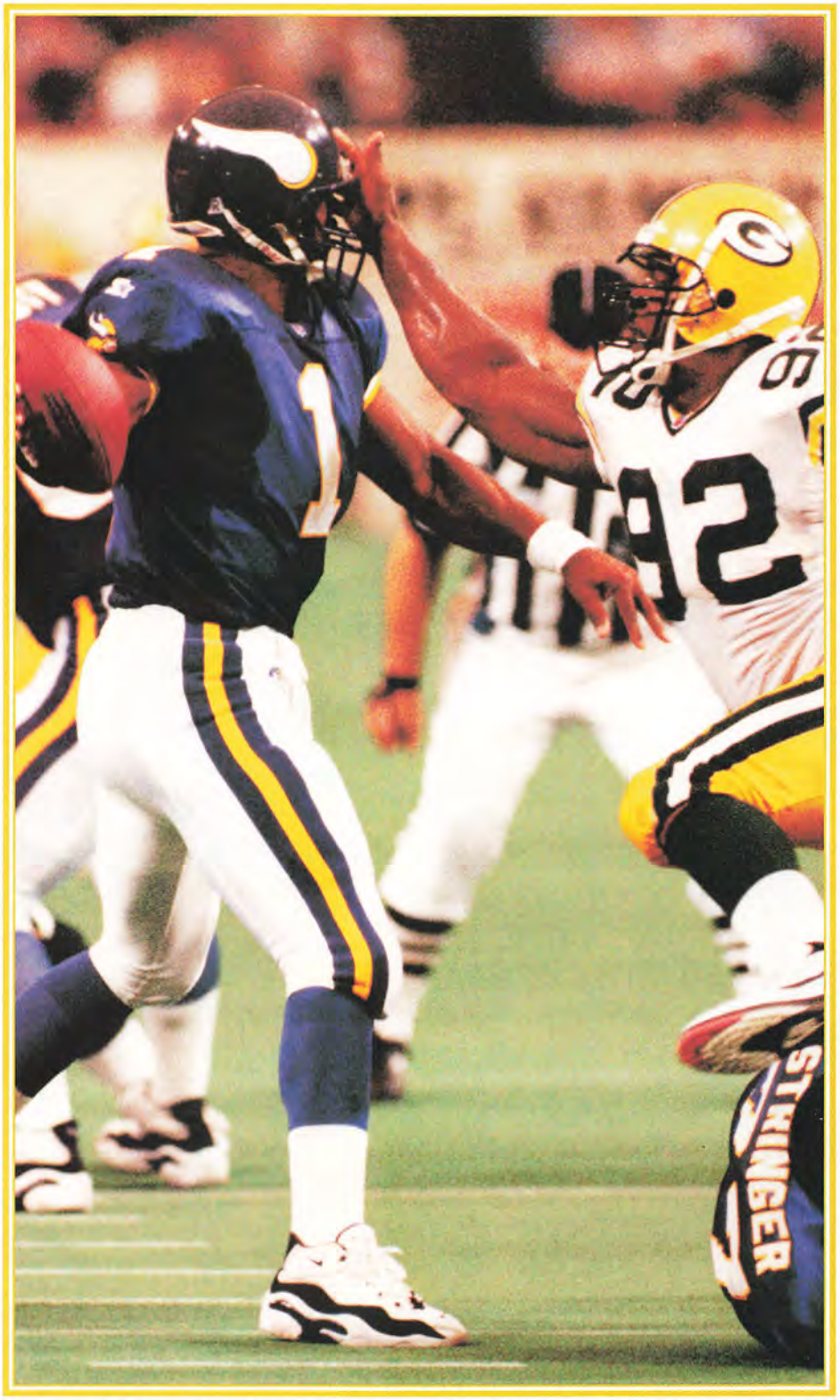
Minnesota followed up with two field goals to conclude the scoring. Through four games, Minnesota had outscored opponents 42-3 in the final period; the Packers had yet to score an offensive point in the fourth quarter.

The victory was Minnesota's fifth in a row at home against the Packers and its ninth in the previous 12 games between the teams.

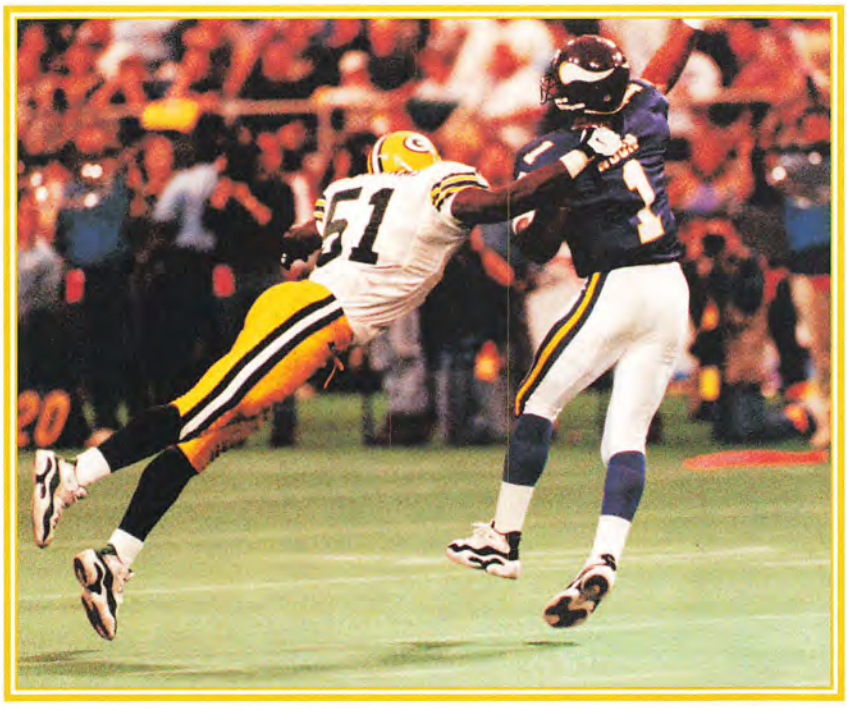
Down 17-7 in the third period, Green Bay had two huge plays – one on offense and one on defense – to help claim a 21-17 advantage. Favre connected with Don Beebe on an 80-yard catch-and-run on the first play from scrimmage after a Minnesota score to make it 17-14.

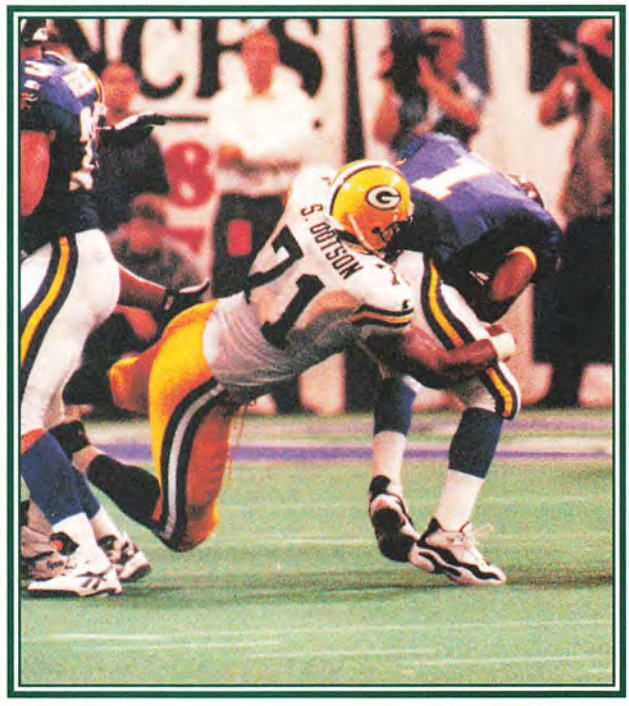
Minnesota then moved the ball into Green Bay territory, but Packers linebacker George Koonce stepped in front of a pass intended for tight end David Frisch, ran up the left sideline, avoided quarterback Moon at the Minnesota 40 and ran into the end zone for a 75-yard touchdown return.

The Vikings held Green Bay to two first downs after the intermission.



Reggie White gets a hand in the face of Vikings quarterback Warren Moon during the Packers' 30-21 loss at the Metrodome.





Top Left: Warren Moon gets a pass off as Brian Williams races in.
Top Right: Santana Dotson puts the hurt on Warren Moon.
Left: George Koonce returns an interception 75 yards for a TD.

Final Team Stats

	Packers	Vikings
First Downs	8	18
Rushes-Yards	15-60	33-88
Passing Yards	157	263
Return Yards	175	73
Comp-Att-Int	14-27-1	24-41-2
Sacks-Yards Lost	7-41	2-17
Punts-Average	8-47.5	6-45.8
Fumbles-Lost	5-3	2-2
Penalties-Yards	8-79	7-45
Time of Possession	22:01	37:59

Scoring Summary

Vikings 30, Packers 21

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Green Bay Packers	**7**	**0**	**14**	**0**	**21**
Minnesota Vikings	7	7	3	13	30

Qtr.	Team	Time	Scoring Play	Score
1	**Green Bay**	(4:14)	Robert Brooks 13 yard TD PASS from Brett Favre	7-0
1	Minnesota	(9:00)	Jake Reed 26 yard TD PASS from Warren Moon	7-7
2	Minnesota	(9:59)	Qadry Ismail 20 yard TD PASS from Warren Moon	7-14
3	Minnesota	(5:22)	Scott Sisson 34 yard FIELD GOAL	7-17
3	**Green Bay**	(5:42)	Don Beebe 80 yard TD PASS from Brett Favre	14-17
3	**Green Bay**	(11:02)	George Koonce 75 yard INTERCEPTION RETURN for TD	21-17
4	Minnesota	(10:47)	Robert Smith 37 yard TD RUN	21-24
4	Minnesota	(12:29)	Scott Sisson 44 yard FIELD GOAL	21-27
4	Minnesota	(14:32)	Scott Sisson 33 yard FIELD GOAL	21-30

MARK WALLENFANG (4)

Game Five: Sunday, September 29, 1996

Green Bay 31, Seattle 10

Quarterback Brett Favre hurled four touchdown passes and the Green Bay Packers took full advantage of five turnovers to dump the Seattle Seahawks, 31-10, in an interconference matchup.

The win was only the Packers' second in their previous 14 games on artificial turf and their first since the 1993 playoffs. Seattle, whose five giveaways led to 24 Green Bay points, lost to the Packers for the first time in 15 years.

Favre, who after five weeks led the league with 16 touchdown passes, completed 20 of 34 passes for 209 yards to help Green Bay beat the turf jinx. Edgar Bennett contributed 94 yards on 22 carries for Green Bay.

Still, it was the defense that made the game easy by causing all the turnovers. The Packers, who had only 16 takeaways in all of the previous season, surpassed that mark after only five games in 1996.

Freeman, who became Favre's primary receiver when Robert Brooks suffered a concussion on the first play from scrimmage, caught seven passes for 108 yards. Through five games, he had 18 catches for 264 yards and three touchdowns.

Former Seahawk Eugene Robinson got things off to a good start for Green Bay when he intercepted a Rick Mirer pass on the left sideline and returned it 39 yards to the Seattle 46. Five plays later, Favre floated a pass to Freeman in the right corner of the end zone to give Green Bay a 7-0 lead with 4:36 left in the first quarter.

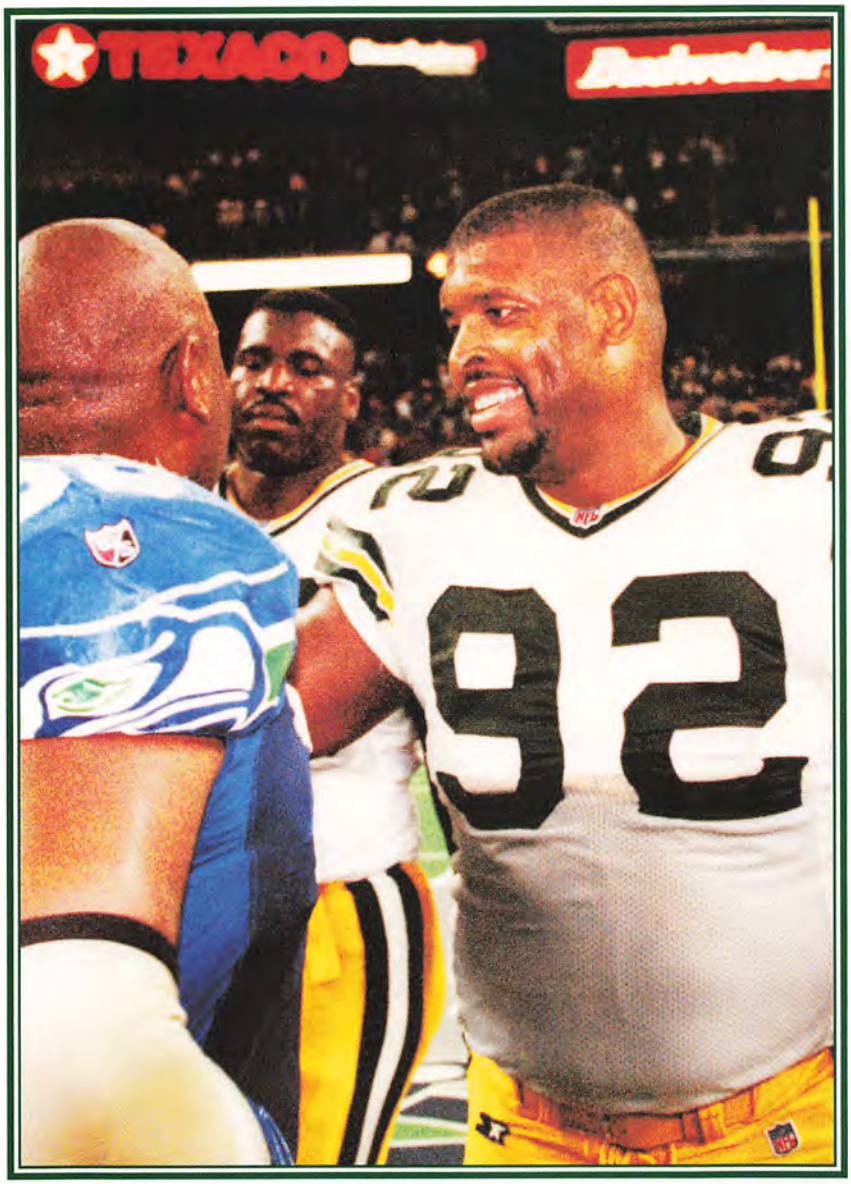
Chris Jacke hit a 46-yard field goal with 34 seconds to play to extend the lead to 10-0.

Later, Reggie White intercepted a pass and ran it back 46 yards to the Seattle 21. It was White's first interception since November 17, 1991, and the third of his career.

Mirer's third turnover of the game, a fumble, led to Green Bay's second touchdown. Defensive end Santana Dotson recovered the fumble at the Seattle 28. Favre later hit Dorsey Levens in the end zone to make it 17-0 with 3:54 left in the first half.

Running back Dorsey Levens tries to find a hole up the middle during the Packers' 31-10 victory in Seattle.

MARK WALLENFANG (2)



Cortez Kennedy, Reggie White, and Sean Jones talk on the field after Green Bay's win at the Kingdome.

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The Packers' record in their previous 14 games on artificial turf after the victory in Seattle's Kingdome

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Reggie White's career interception total after picking off a pass against the Seahawks ... it was his first pick since 1991

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Seattle's turnovers and the number of points Green Bay tallied as a result ... with the five takeaways, the Packers surpassed their takeaway total for all of last season

Scoring Summary

Packers 31, Seahawks 10

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Seattle Seahawks	0	7	3	0	10
Green Bay Packers	**10**	**7**	**7**	**7**	**31**

Qtr.	Team	Time	Scoring Play	Score
1	**Green Bay**	(10:24)	Antonio Freeman 13 yard TD PASS from Brett Favre	7-0
1	**Green Bay**	(14:26)	Chris Jacke 36 yard FIELD GOAL	10-0
2	**Green Bay**	(11:06)	Dorsey Levens 4 yard TD PASS from Brett Favre	17-0
2	Seattle	(13:04)	Chris Warren 37 yard TD RUN	17-7
3	**Green Bay**	(6:36)	Keith Jackson 10 yard TD PASS from Brett Favre	24-7
3	Seattle	(9:25)	Todd Peterson 44 yard FIELD GOAL	24-10
4	**Green Bay**	(5:10)	Antonio Freeman 4 yard TD PASS from Brett Favre	31-10

Game Five

Packers 31, Seahawks 10

Final Team Stats

	Seahawks	Packers
First Downs	19	23
Rushes-Yards	26-159	35-142
Passing Yards	170	202
Return Yards	29	218
Comp-Att-Int	11-34-4	20-34-0
Sacks-Yards Lost	1-1	2-7
Punts-Average	6-47	7-43
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	6-38	5-37
Time of Possession	24:26	35:34

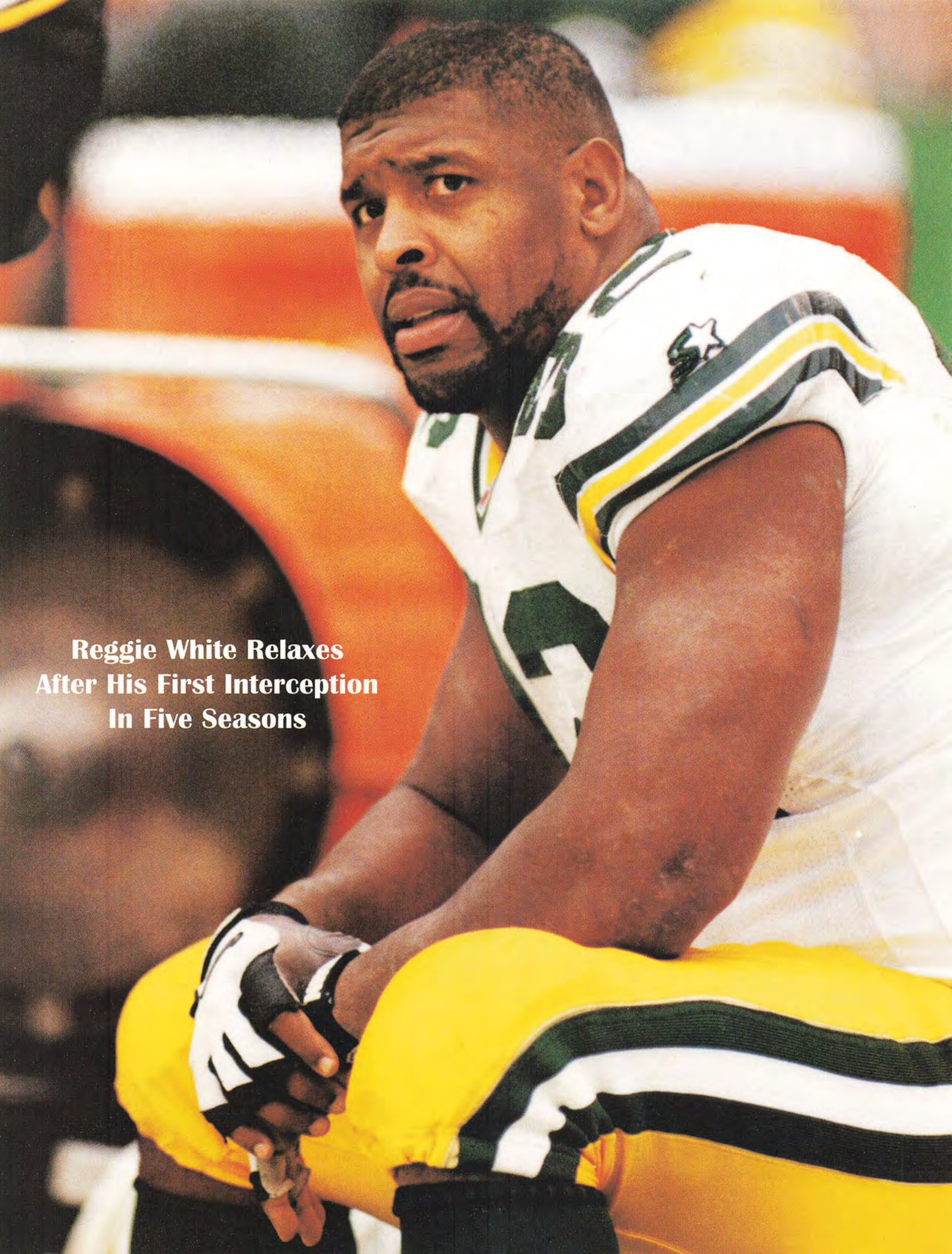
Green Bay fans show their spirit in Seattle.

Individual Offensive Stats

RUSHING	Green Bay:	Edgar Bennett 22-94, Dorsey Levens 6-28, Brett Favre 5-15, William Henderson 2-5
	Seahawks:	C. Warren 18-103, J. Galloway 2-22, R. Mirer 2-17, S. Broussard 1-10, L. Smith 2-5, J. Friesz 1-2
PASSING	Green Bay:	Brett Favre 20-34-0-209
	Seahawks:	R. Mirer 10-30-4-156, J. Friesz 1-4-0-15
RECEIVING	Green Bay:	Antonio Freeman 7-108, Mark Chmura 3-36, Dorsey Levens 3-18, Don Beebe 2-15, Edgar Bennett 2-9, Keith Jackson 1-10, William Henderson 1-8, Desmond Howard 1-5
	Seahawks:	C. Warren 3-44, C. Fauria 3-36, M. Pritchard 2-54, B. Blades 2-22, J. Galloway 1-15
MISSED FIELD GOALS	Green Bay:	Chris Jacke 38
	Seahawks:	None

The Green Bay offensive line assembles for a pep talk.

MARK WALLENFANG (3)



Reggie White Relaxes
After His First Interception
In Five Seasons

Game Six: Sunday, October 6, 1996

Green Bay 37, Chicago 6

Brett Favre passed for four touchdowns, including two to Antonio Freeman, for the second consecutive week to lead the Green Bay Packers to a 37-6 rout of the Chicago Bears. It was Green Bay's fifth straight win over the Bears in the heated NFC Central rivalry.

Favre hit Robert Brooks with an 18-yard scoring pass in the first quarter and passed for two more touchdowns in the final 35 seconds of the second quarter to give the Packers a 20-3 halftime lead.

Favre connected with tight end Keith Jackson on a 2-yard scoring play with 35 seconds left in the half. Green Bay's Doug Evans then intercepted a pass by Chicago's Dave Krieg at midfield with 20 seconds left in the second quarter.

The Packers capitalized on the turnover when Favre hit Freeman with a 50-yard "Hail Mary" touchdown pass on the final play of the half.

Favre hooked up with Freeman again on a 35-yard scoring play with 4:07 left in the third quarter to open a 34-6 lead for the Packers.

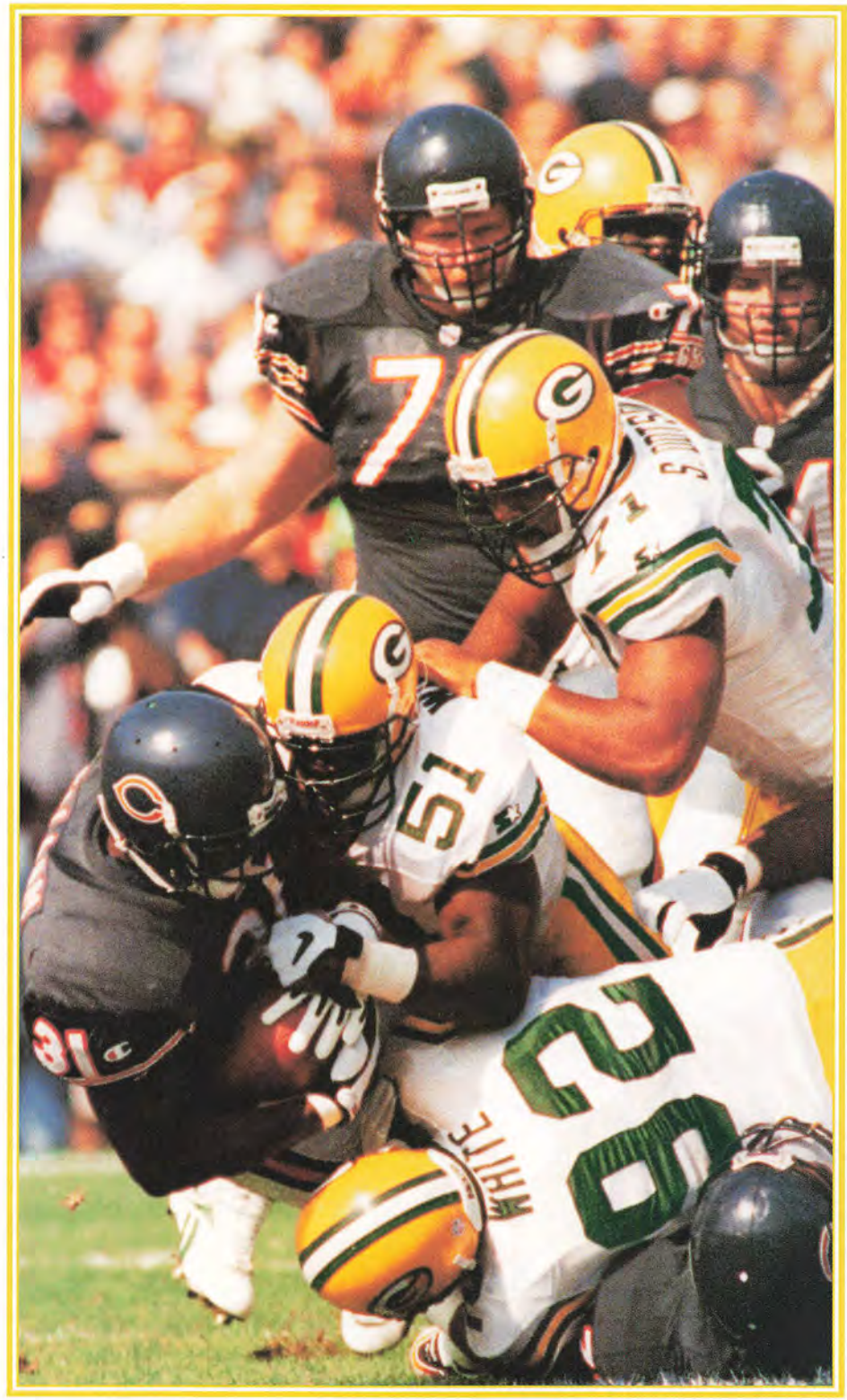
Favre completed 18 of his 27 passes for 246 yards with an interception. He completed 46 of 70 passes for 648 yards and eight touchdowns in Green Bay's two wins over the Bears during the 1995 season.

Favre's performance, his seventh four-touchdown game of his career, gave him 20 touchdowns in six games to begin the 1996 regular season.

Freeman had seven catches for a career-high 146 yards. He recorded his first 100-yard game the previous week when he caught seven passes for 108 yards and two touchdowns in a 31-10 win at Seattle.

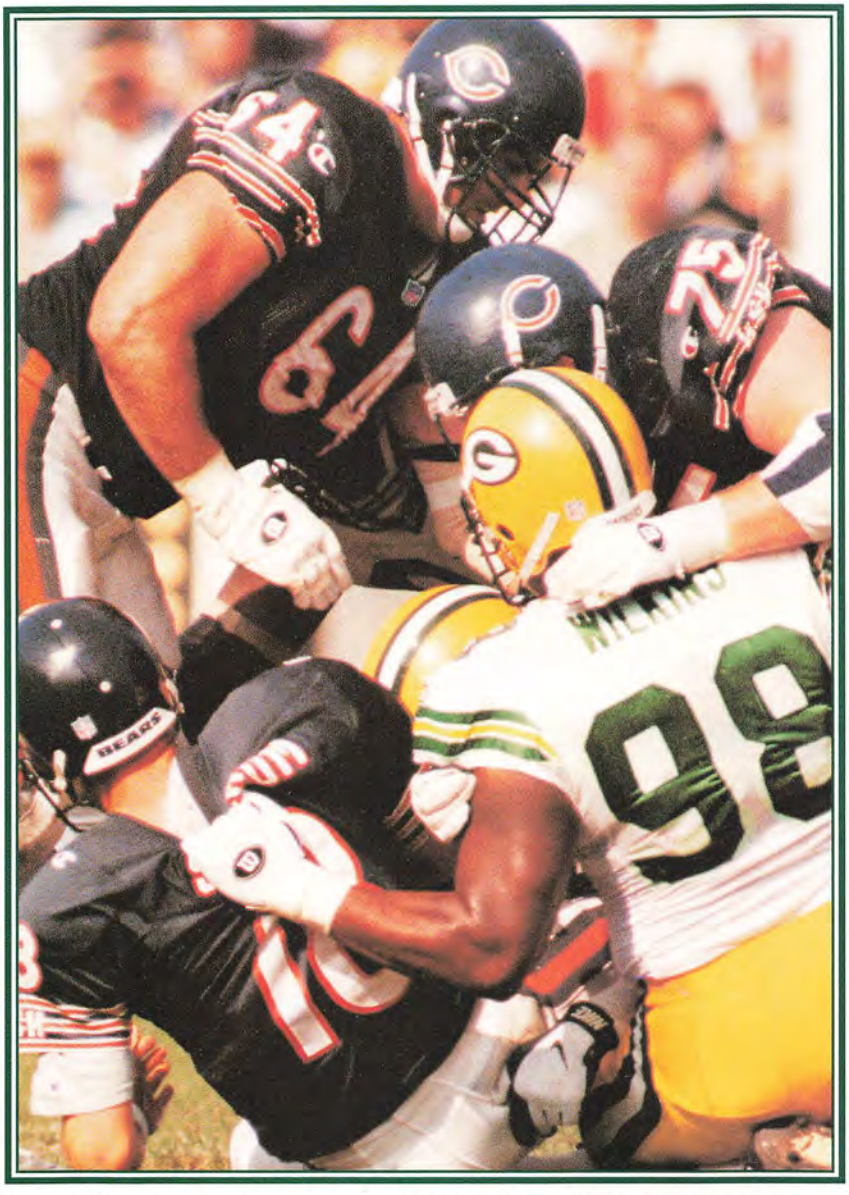
After a scoreless first quarter, the Packers broke through when Favre hit Brooks with an 18-yard touchdown with 9:27 left in the second quarter. Brooks finished with six catches for 68 yards.

Don Beebe also returned a kickoff 90 yards for a score in the third period.



Rashaan Salaam finds nothing but white jerseys in his way during the Bears' 31-point loss to Green Bay at Soldier Field on October 6, 1996.

MARK WALLENFANG (2)



Green Bay defensive end Gabe Wilkins (98) gets the sack on Bears QB Steve Stenstrom.

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The number of games in Brett Favre's career in which he had thrown four or more touchdowns after hooking up for four TDs against Chicago

31:11

The Bears' time of possession, which topped Green Bay's despite the fact they scored only six points

5

Green Bay's number of consecutive wins over Chicago with the October 6 victory ... Chicago's last win came in 1993

Scoring Summary

Packers 37, Bears 6

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Chicago Bears	0	3	3	0	6
Green Bay Packers	**0**	**20**	**14**	**3**	**37**

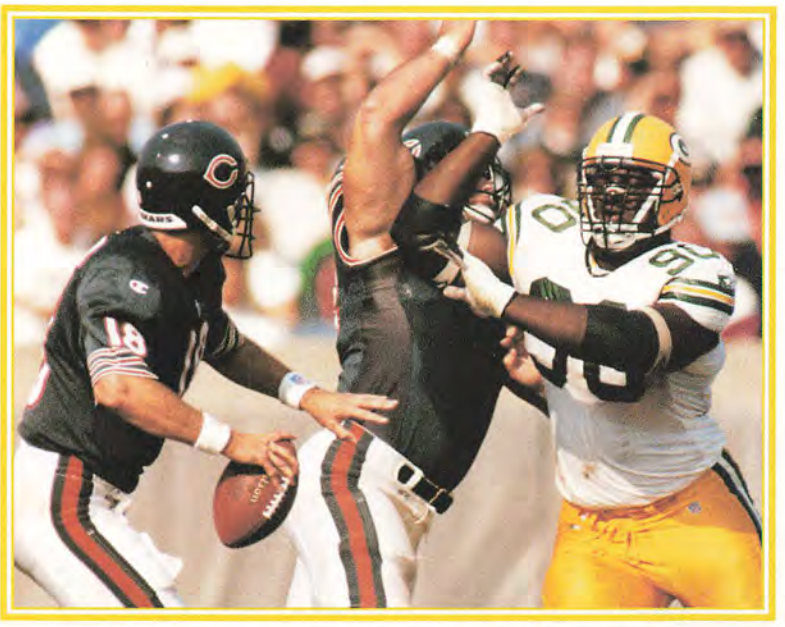
Qtr.	Team	Time	Scoring Play	Score
2	**Green Bay**	(5:33)	Robert Brooks 18 yard TD PASS from Brett Favre	7-0
2	Chicago	(12:48)	Jeff Jaeger 40 yard FIELD GOAL	7-3
2	**Green Bay**	(14:25)	Keith Jackson 2 yard TD PASS from Brett Favre	14-3
2	**Green Bay**	(15:00)	Antonio Freeman 50 yard TD PASS from Brett Favre	20-3
2	**Green Bay**	(15:00)	Chris Jacke EXTRA POINT MISSED	20-3
3	Chicago	(3:43)	Jeff Jaeger 41 yard FIELD GOAL	20-6
3	**Green Bay**	(4:00)	Don Beebe 90 yard KICKOFF RETURN TD	27-6
3	**Green Bay**	(10:53)	Antonio Freeman 35 yard TD PASS from Brett Favre	34-6
4	**Green Bay**	(6:28)	Chris Jacke 32 yard FIELD GOAL	37-6

Game Six

Packers 37, Bears 6

Final Team Stats

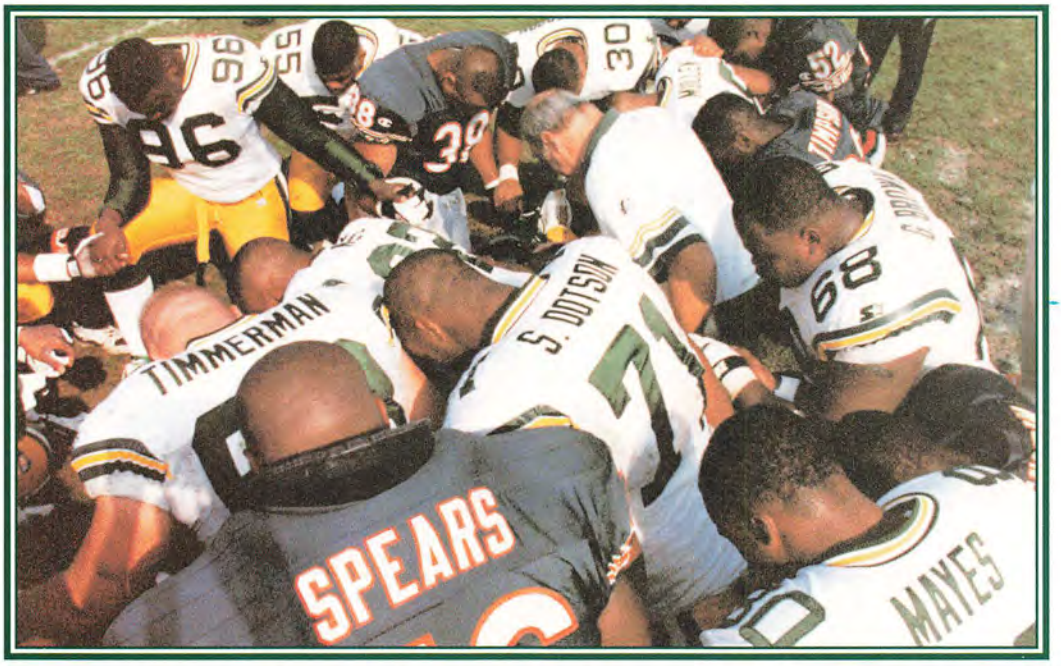
	Bears	Packers
First Downs	15	21
Rushes-Yards	27-53	29-100
Passing Yards	190	243
Return Yards	-1	30
Comp-Att-Int	19-32-3	19-28-1
Sacks-Yards Lost	1-5	2-8
Punts-Average	3-53	2-37
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	7-68	4.25
Time of Possession	31:11	28:49



Darius Holland puts on the defensive pressure.

Individual Offensive Stats

RUSHING	Green Bay:	Edgar Bennett 12-32, Travis Jervey 6-25, Dorsey Levens 5-23, Brett Favre 3-15, William Henderson 2-4, Robert Brooks 1-1
	Bears:	R. Salaam 20-43, M. Hicks 4-7, D. Krieg 3-3
PASSING	Green Bay:	Brett Favre 18-27-1-246, Jim McMahon 1-1-0-5
	Bears:	D. Krieg 15-27-3-142, S. Stenstrom 3-4-0-37, T. Sauerbrun 1-1-0-16
RECEIVING	Green Bay:	Antonio Freeman 7-146, Robert Brooks 6-68, Edgar Bennett 2-15, Keith Jackson 2-11, Don Beebe 1-6, Jeff Thomason 1-5
	Bears:	C. Conway 9-101, M. Timpson 4-54, T. Carter 3-8, B. Engram 2-30, R. Salaam 1-2
MISSED FIELD GOALS	Green Bay:	None
	Bears:	None



Chicago and Green Bay players join for a prayer after the game.

MARK WALLENFANG (4)

Inset photo: Keith Jackson awaits Brett Favre's throw in the end zone.
Larger photo: The celebration ensues after Jackson's catch.

Game Seven: Monday, October 14, 1996

Green Bay 23, San Francisco 20

Chris Jacke's 53-yard field goal 3:41 into overtime capped an 11-point second-half comeback and allowed the Green Bay Packers to edge the San Francisco 49ers, 23-20, in a key conference matchup before a raucous crowd at Lambeau Field.

Jacke sent the game into overtime by converting a 31-yard field goal attempt with eight seconds left in regulation. Brett Favre drove Green Bay 69 yards in 94 seconds, culminating in the tying field goal.

Favre was forced into the two-minute offense when Jeff Wilkins' 28-yard field goal with 1:50 remaining in the fourth period gave the Niners a 20-17 advantage. San Francisco cornerback Marquez Pope had picked off a Favre pass and returned it to the Green Bay 13, setting up what appeared to be the winning score.

But Favre drove the team in the final seconds of regulation, aided by a key defensive holding and unsportsmanlike conduct penalty on 49ers defensive back Steve Israel.

Favre picked up where he left off on the Packers' first possession of overtime. After a defensive stop of San Francisco, the Packers took over on their 43, and Favre completed a 13-yard strike to Don Beebe that put the ball at the San Francisco 40.

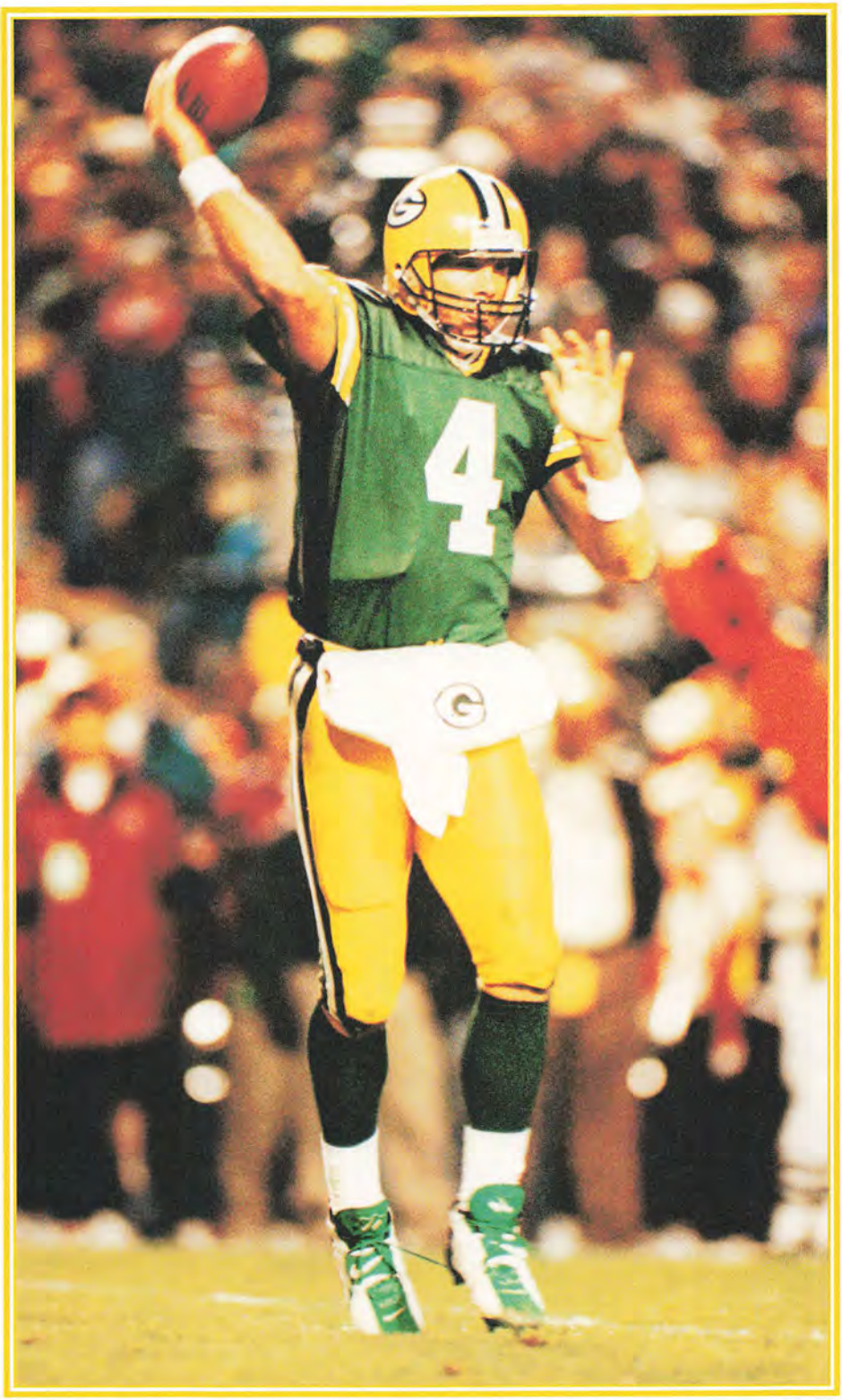
Another completion to Derrick Mayes put the ball at the Niners 35, and three plays later Jacke split the uprights easily.

Beebe finished with 11 catches, including a 59-yard touchdown reception, en route to a career-high 220 yards receiving.

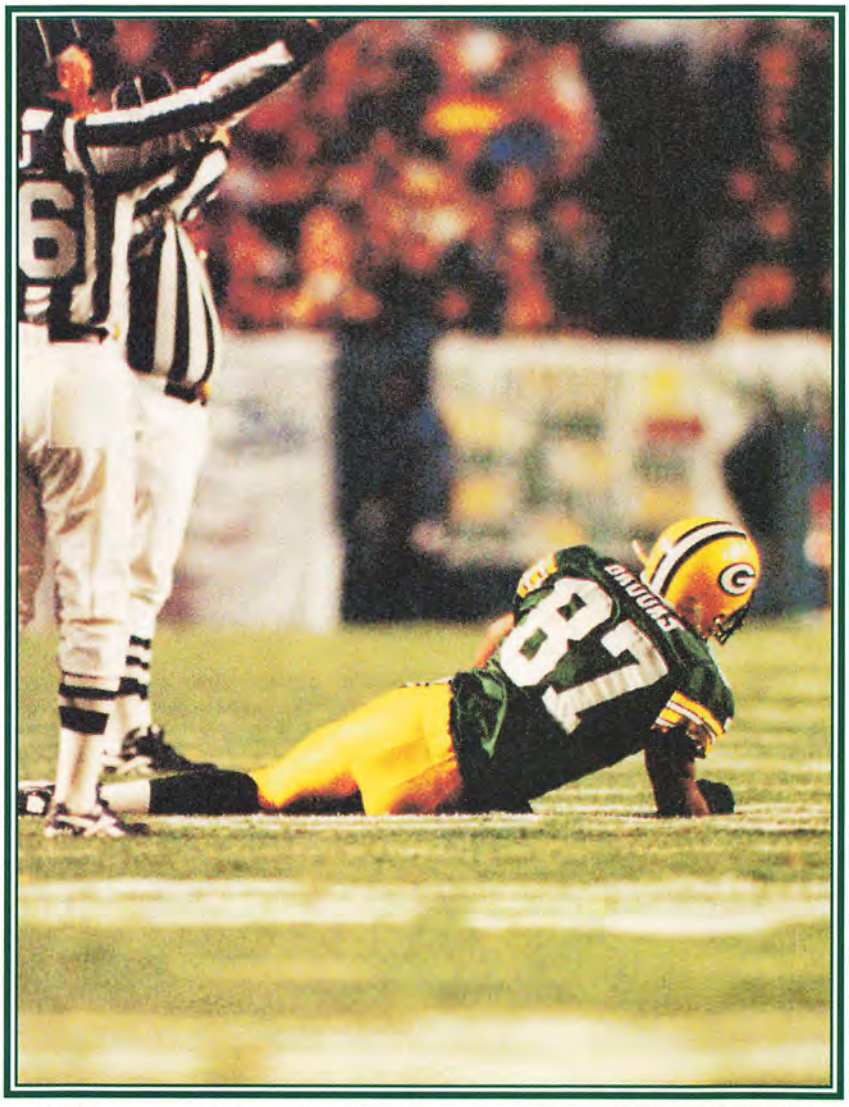
Favre, meanwhile, completed 28 of 61 passes for 395 yards, the second highest total of his six-year career.

The Packers lost starting wide receiver Robert Brooks for the year to a knee injury on their first play from scrimmage, but Favre completed passes to eight receivers during the contest to help Green Bay grab the victory.

The game was the Packers' first against the 49ers since their 27-17 NFC Divisional Playoff victory in 1995.



Brett Favre prepares to release the ball during Monday Night Football action against the San Francisco 49ers at Lambeau Field.



Wide receiver Robert Brooks goes down with a knee injury on the Packers' first play from scrimmage. Brooks was lost for the season.

INSIDE THE NUMBERS

94

The number of seconds on Green Bay's final drive in regulation, which ended with Chris Jacke's game-tying field goal

395

Brett Favre's total passing yards against San Francisco, the second-highest tally of his career through that game

220

Don Beebe's total yards receiving against the 49ers, a career high

Scoring Summary

Packers 23, 49ers 20, OT

Team	1	2	3	4	OT	F
Green Bay Packers	**6**	**0**	**8**	**6**	**3**	**23**
San Francisco 49ers	0	17	0	3	0	20

Qtr.	Team	Time	Scoring Play	Score
1	**Green Bay**	(9:37)	Chris Jacke 30 yard FIELD GOAL	3-0
1	**Green Bay**	(12:02)	Chris Jacke 25 yard FIELD GOAL	6-0
2	San Fran.	(7:45)	Jeff Wilkins 48 yard FIELD GOAL	6-3
2	San Fran.	(12:40)	Jerry Rice 7 yard TD PASS from Elvis Grbac	6-10
2	San Fran.	(14:37)	Jerry Rice 13 yard TD PASS from Elvis Grbac	6-17
3	**Green Bay**	(7:46)	Don Beebe 59 yard TD PASS from Brett Favre	12-17
3	**Green Bay**	(7:46)	Edgar Bennett TWO POINT PASS from Brett Favre	14-17
4	**Green Bay**	(11:25)	Chris Jacke 35 yard FIELD GOAL	17-17
4	**Green Bay**	(13:10)	Jeff Wilkins 28 yard FIELD GOAL	17-20
4	**Green Bay**	(14:52)	Chris Jacke 31 yard FIELD GOAL	20-20
OT	**Green Bay**	(3:41)	Chris Jacke 53 yard FIELD GOAL	23-20

MARK WALLENFANG (2)

Game Seven

Packers 23, 49ers 20

Final Team Stats

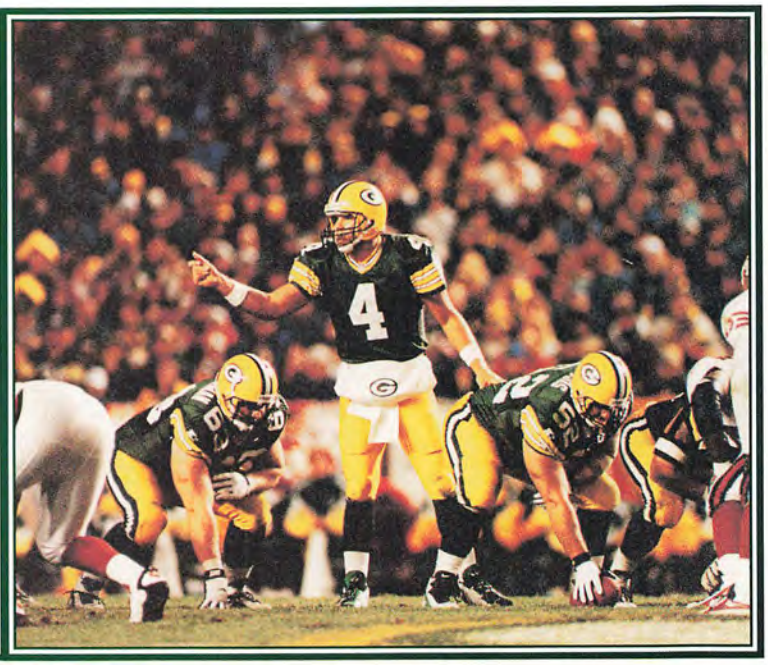
	Packers	49ers
First Downs	24	14
Rushes-Yards	26-68	28-74
Passing Yards	378	179
Return Yards	28	39
Comp-Att-Int	28-61-2	21-39-2
Sacks-Yards Lost	2-17	1-3
Punts-Average	6-40	9-42
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	2-24	9-65
Time of Possession	34:44	28:57

Chris Jacke kicks the game-winning field goal in overtime.

Individual Offensive Stats

RUSHING	Green Bay:	Brett Favre 6-24, Edgar Bennett 7-18, Dorsey Levens 10-16, William Henderson 3-10
	San Fran:	T. Vardell 8-31, T. Kirby 10-27, A. Lynn 3-11, D. Loville 3-4, E.Grbac 4-1
PASSING	Green Bay:	Brett Favre 28-61-2-395
	San Fran:	E. Grbac 21-39-2-182
RECEIVING	Green Bay:	Don Beebe 11-220, Antonio Freeman 6-71, Desmond Howard 4-30, Keith Jackson 2-53, William Henderson 2-12, Derrick Mayes 1-5, Edgar Bennett 1-3, Dorsey Levens 1-1
	San Fran:	J. Rice 7-84, T. Vardell 6-44, T. Kirby 4-15, T .Popson 3-39, D. Loville 1-0
MISSED FIELD GOALS	Green Bay:	None
	San Fran:	None

Freeman and Beebe congratulate one another after a TD.



Brett Favre reads the 49ers' defense and calls an audible.

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Brett Favre And Don Beebe Discuss Strategy

Game Eight: Sunday, October 27, 1996

Green Bay 13, Tampa Bay 7

It may have been a little too close for comfort, but the Packers still got a win.

Dorsey Levens scored a second-quarter touchdown and Chris Jacke booted two first-half field goals as Green Bay defeated Tampa Bay for the second time in 1996.

The win was a costly one for Green Bay, which lost Antonio Freeman to a broken left forearm in the first quarter. Freeman, the team's leading receiver heading into the game, was hit by Tampa Bay safety John Lynch as the two battled for a ball.

Freeman was the second major Packers receiver to go out due to injury in as many games. Robert Brooks, who tore ligaments in his right knee against San Francisco two weeks earlier, was already out for the year.

Down 13-7, the Buccaneers had a final chance to win the game when they stopped Green Bay on fourth down and got the ball back at their own 30 with 1:55 to play, but quarterback Trent Dilfer tossed two incomplete passes around a completed 4-yard swing pass before being sacked by safety LeRoy Butler on fourth down.

Jacke opened the scoring with a 40-yard field goal with 5:43 to play in the first quarter. Reggie White blocked a punt that was recovered at the Tampa Bay 32, but the Packers gained just 10 yards in five plays.

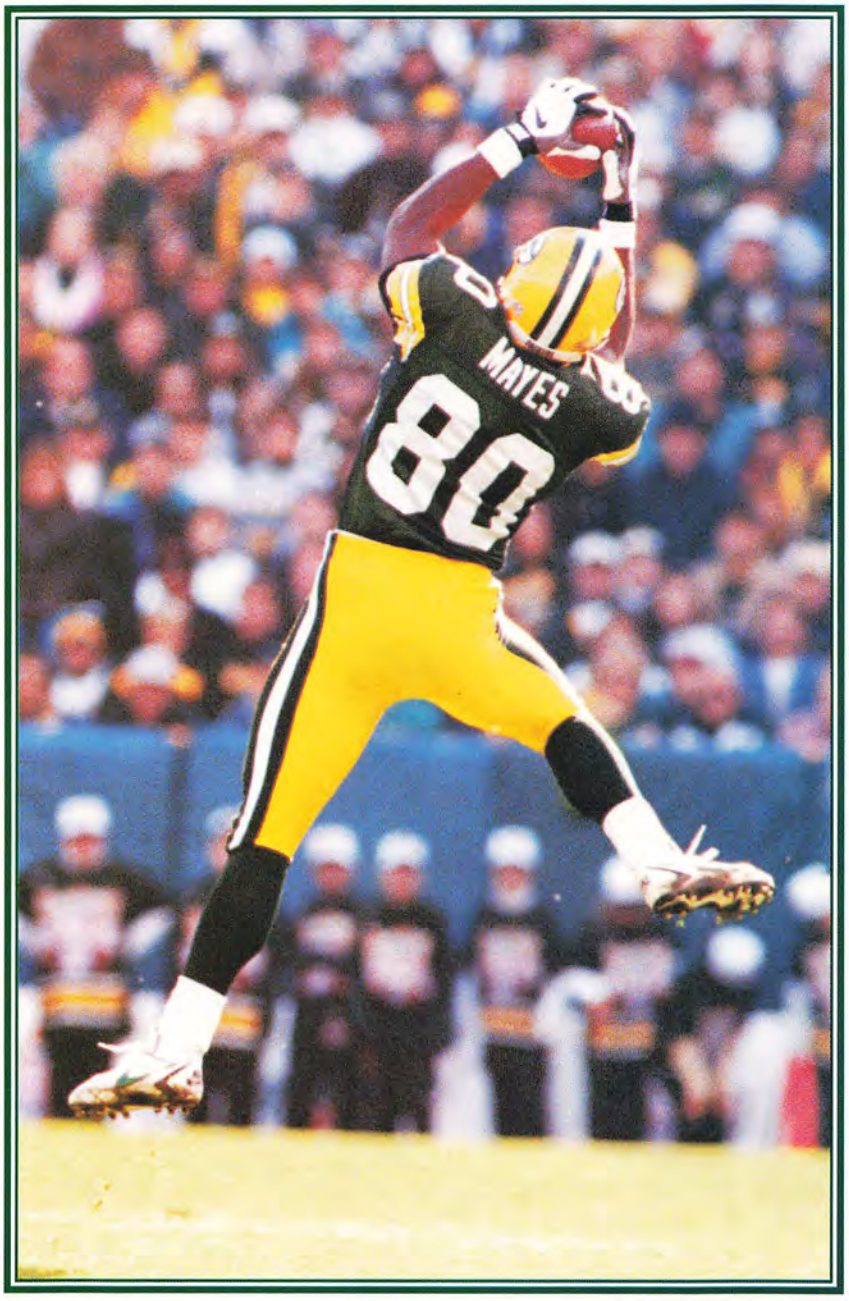
Levens' 1-yard plunge 52 seconds into the second quarter capped an eight-play, 63-yard drive. Brett Favre found tight end Mark Chmura on a 29-yard pass to the Tampa Bay 28, and Levens rushed for 11 yards to move the ball to the Buccaneers 3.

After a missed 27-yard field goal by Michael Husted, the Packers drove 50 yards to set up Jacke's 48-yard field goal with 59 seconds to play in the first half.

Desmond Howard picked up the slack in place of the injured Freeman with a team-high five catches for 30 yards. Tight ends Mark Chmura and Keith Jackson combined for four receptions for 72 yards.

Favre completed 19 of 31 passes for 178 yards with one interception and no scores.

Tampa Bay's Mike Alstott has nowhere to go with Green Bay linebacker Brian Williams in his way.



Derrick Mayes takes to the sky to snag a Brett Favre pass.

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Green Bay's record against the division rival Buccaneers in their last 10 meetings after the 13-7 win on October 27, 1996

129-57

The Packers' edge in rushing yardage over Tampa Bay, fueled by Edgar Bennett's 93 yards on 20 rushing attempts

0

The number of TD passes by Brett Favre in the Tampa Bay game ... the shutout marked the first time that had happened since November 5, 1995, against the Minnesota Vikings, a 27-24 Green Bay loss

Scoring Summary

Packers 13, Buccaneers 7

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	0	0	0	7	7
Green Bay Packers	**3**	**10**	**0**	**0**	**13**

Qtr.	Team	Time	Scoring Play	Score
1	**Green Bay**	(9:19)	Chris Jacke 40 yard FIELD GOAL	3-0
2	**Green Bay**	(0:52)	Dorsey Levens 1 yard TD RUN	10-0
2	**Green Bay**	(14:01)	Chris Jacke 48 yard FIELD GOAL	13-0
4	Tampa Bay	(9:32)	Dave Moore 11 yard TD PASS from Trent Dilfer	13-7

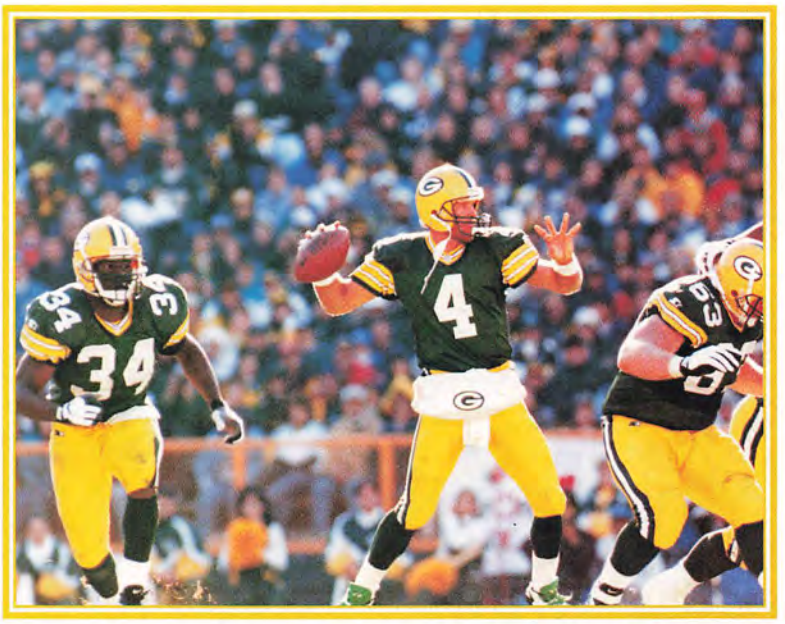
MARK WALLENFANG (2)

Game Eight

Packers 13, Buccaneers 7

Final Team Stats

	Buccaneers	Packers
First Downs	14	24
Rushes-Yards	26-57	37-129
Passing Yards	139	169
Return Yards	27	24
Comp-Att-Int	15-29-2	19-31-1
Sacks-Yards Lost	3-25	2-9
Punts-Average	5-29.8	2-42.5
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	4-1
Penalties-Yards	6-45	4-20
Time of Possession	29:30	30:30



Brett Favre – loose chin strap and all – drops back to fire one of his 31 pass atempts against Tampa Bay.

Individual Offensive Stats

RUSHING	Green Bay:	Edgar Bennett 20-93, Dorsey Levens 7-21, William Henderson 3-13, Brett Favre 7-2
	Tampa Bay:	E. Rhett 12-29, R. Brooks 7-14, M. Alstott 4-8, T. Dilfer 2-3, J. Ellison 1-3
PASSING	Green Bay:	Brett Favre 19-31-1-178
	Tampa Bay:	T. Dilfer 15-29-2-164
RECEIVING	Green Bay:	Desmond Howard 5-30, Mark Chmura 3-59, Don Beebe 3-23, Derrick Mayes 2-20, Dorsey Levens 2-10, Edgar Bennett 2-7, William Henderson 1-16, Keith Jackson 1-13
	Tampa Bay:	M. Alstott 4-34, K. Williams 3-38, D. Moore 2-28, R. Thomas 2-28, C. Hawkins 2-25, A. Harper 1-7, J. Ellison 1-4
MISSED FIELD GOALS	Green Bay:	None
	Tampa Bay:	None

LeRoy Butler and Brian Williams combine for a sack.

Gilbert Brown knocks a Tampa Bay rusher backwards.

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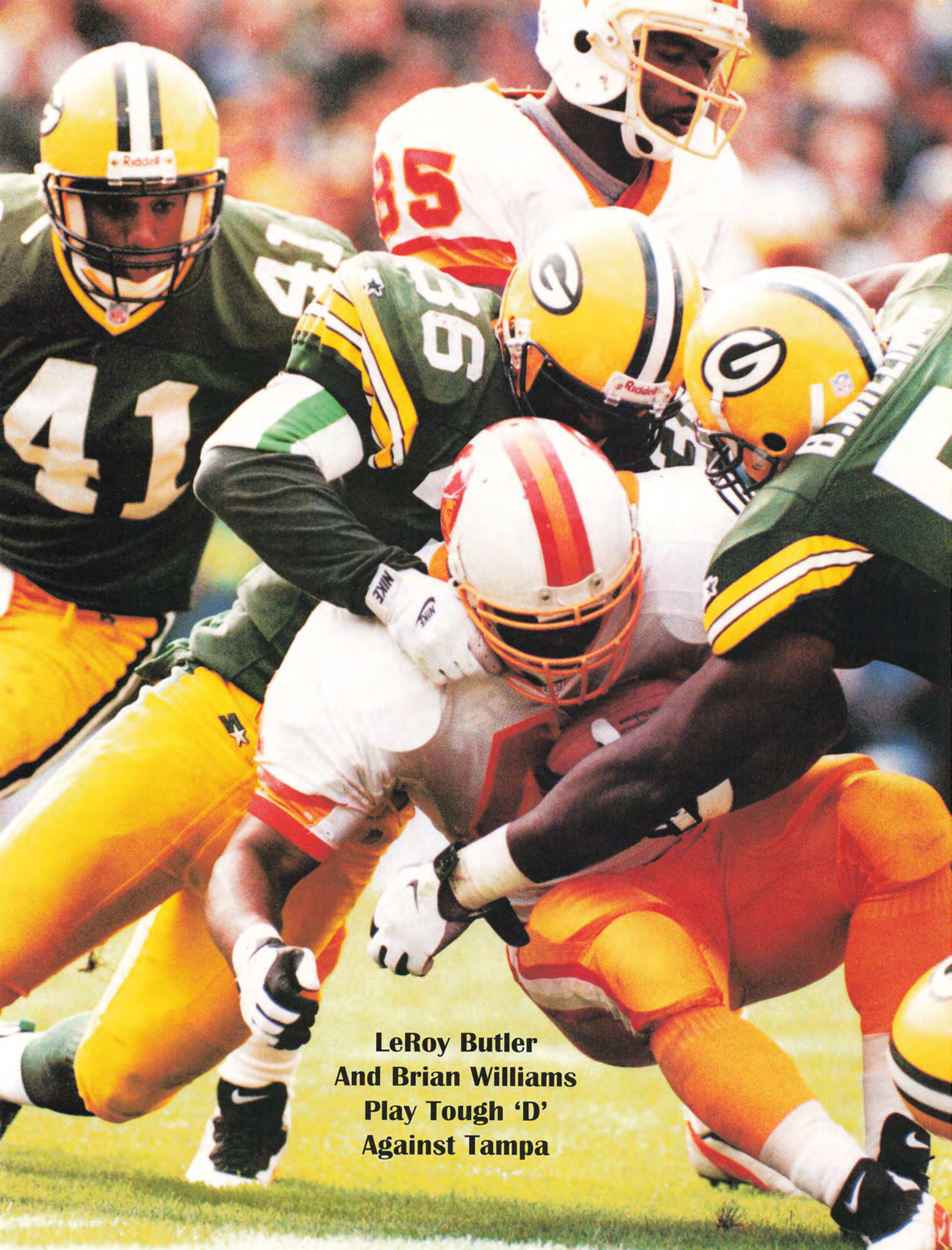


LeRoy Butler And Brian Williams Play Tough 'D' Against Tampa

Game Nine: Sunday, November 3, 1996

Green Bay 28, Detroit 18

Brett Favre threw four touchdown passes – including two to unheralded Terry Mickens – to lead Green Bay past division rival Detroit, 28-18.

Don Majkowski, who started in place of the injured Scott Mitchell for Detroit, was quarterback of the Packers from 1987-92. He suffered a leg injury in Week Three of the season against Cincinnati on September 20, 1992, and Favre entered the game.

Favre rallied Green Bay from a 14-point deficit to a 24-23 victory on a last-second touchdown pass, and he has not given up the starting quarterback position since.

Green Bay improved to 5-0 at home with the win, which completed a three-game homestand in which the Packers outscored their opponents 64-37.

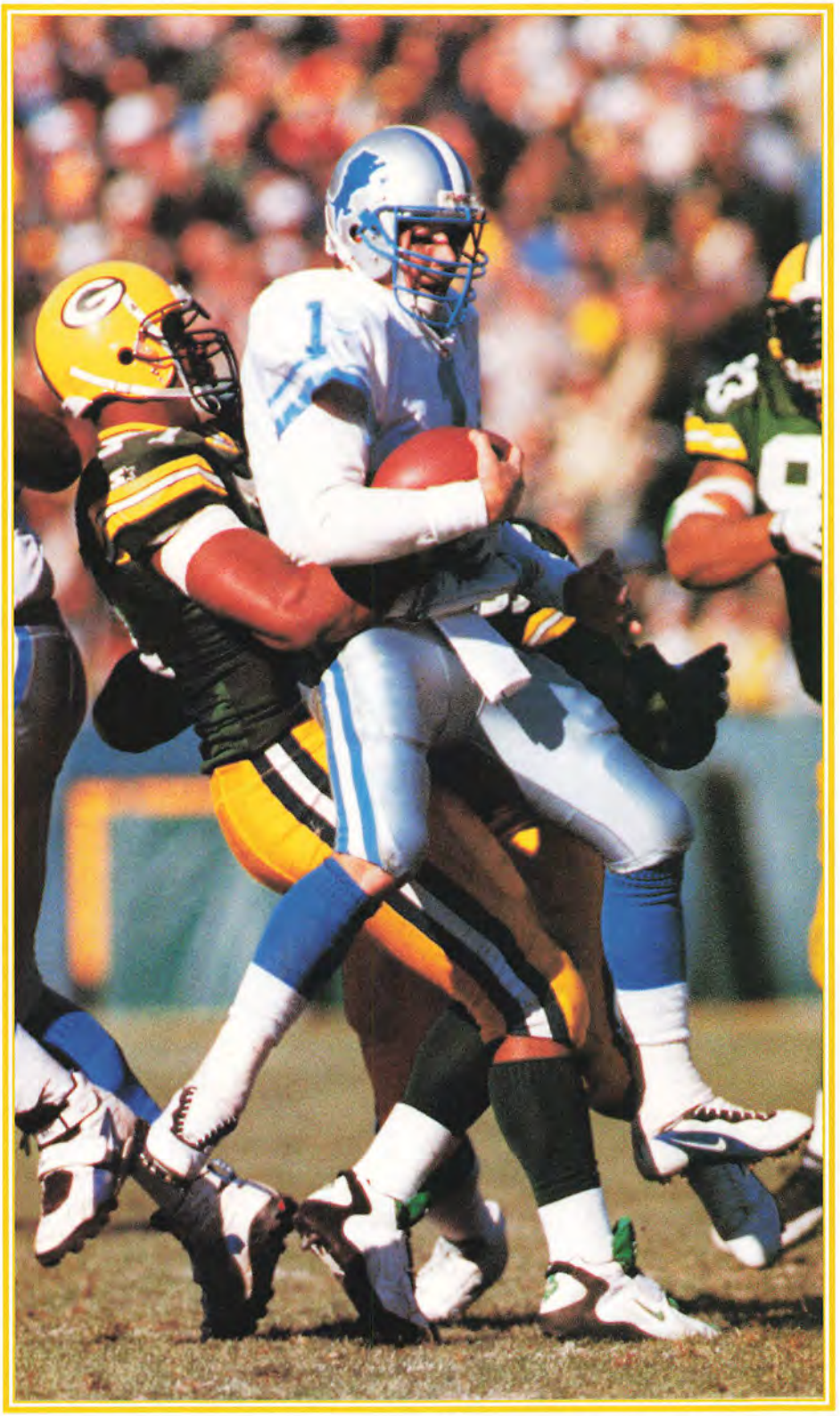
Mickens, who played because of injuries to starting wideouts Robert Brooks and Antonio Freeman, doubled his career receiving total of seven catches. Mickens, who had not caught a pass during the 1996 season before the Detroit game, had 52 yards on the day.

Mickens' sliding 1-yard touchdown catch midway through the second quarter gave Green Bay the lead for good at 14-10, and he extended the lead with a 6-yard scoring reception with 4:33 to play in the third.

Favre, who had a league-leading 25 touchdown passes through the Detroit game, also had scoring tosses of a yard to Dorsey Levens and 65 yards to Don Beebe. Favre completed 24 of 35 passes for 281 yards with one interception, and seven players caught at least two passes each.

Detroit pulled within 28-18 with 4:27 to play on Majkowski's 8-yard TD pass to Brett Perriman and a 2-point conversion pass from Majkowski to Herman Moore. The Lions recovered the onside kick, but Majkowski's 4th-and-17 pass from the Green Bay 48 to Moore gained only 16 yards.

With the win, Green Bay was off to its best start since going 10-0 in 1962 en route to a 13-1 mark and an NFL Championship.



Santana Dotson gets his first sack of two on the day against Detroit.

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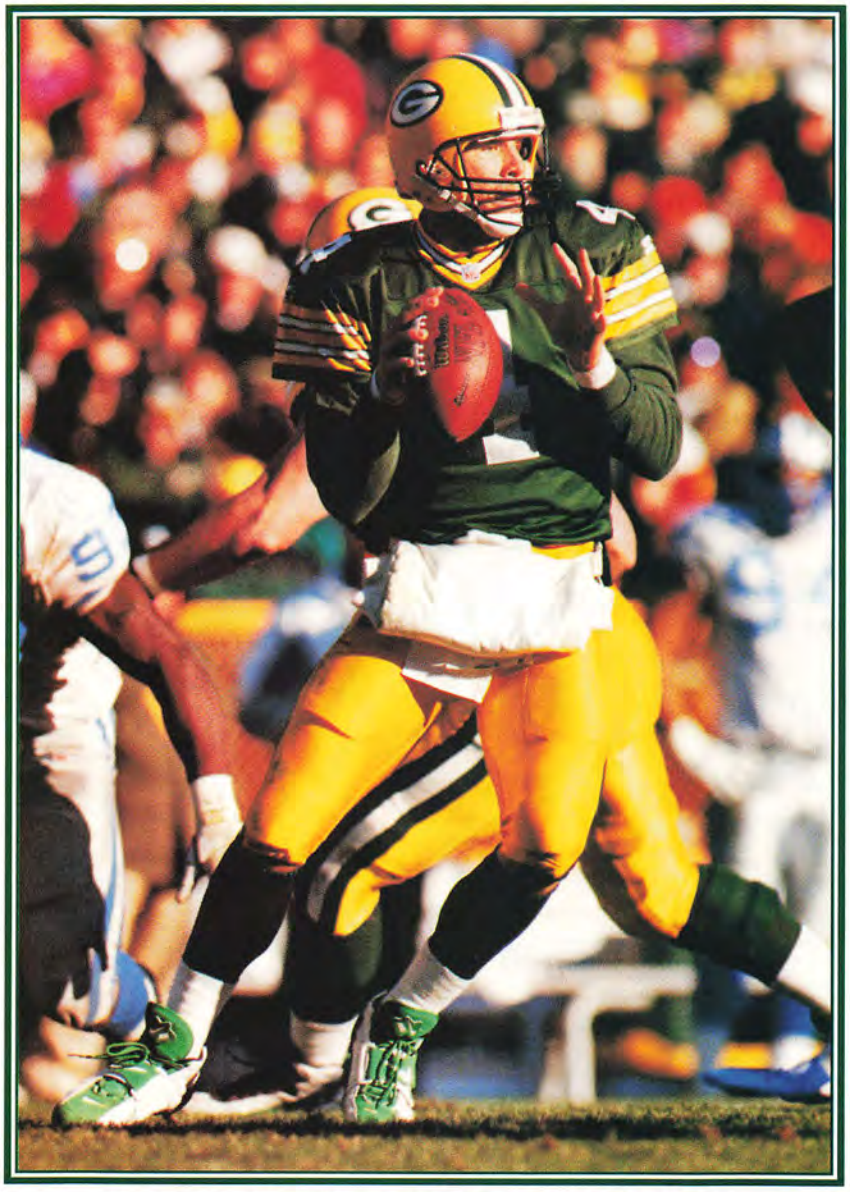

Favre gets set to throw a long TD pass to Don Beebe.

INSIDE THE NUMBERS

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Number of pass receptions in the game by Terry Mickens, who played a lot because of injuries to Robert Brooks and Antonio Freeman ... the number doubled his CAREER reception total before the Detroit contest

8-1

Green Bay's record after the Detroit game, the Packers' best since a 10-0 start in 1962

254

Green Bay's total passing yards, exactly double the total for Detroit in the game

Scoring Summary

Packers 28, Lions 18

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Detroit Lions	3	7	0	8	18
Green Bay Packers	**7**	**7**	**14**	**0**	**28**

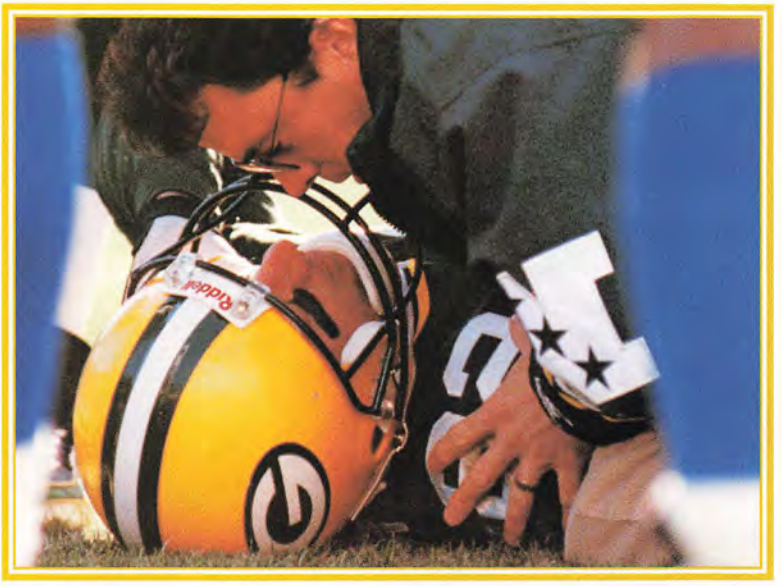
Qtr.	Team	Time	Scoring Play	Score
1	Lions	(6:11)	Jason Hanson 48 yard FIELD GOAL	0-3
1	**Green Bay**	(15:00)	Dorsey Levens 1 yard TD PASS from Brett Favre	7-3
2	Lions	(3:37)	Barry Sanders 18 yard TD RUN	7-10
2	**Green Bay**	(7:14)	Terry Mickens 1 yard TD PASS from Brett Favre	14-10
3	**Green Bay**	(10:27)	Terry Mickens 6 yard TD PASS from Brett Favre	21-10
4	**Green Bay**	(13:52)	Don Beebe 65 yard TD PASS from Brett Favre	28-10
4	Lions	(10:33)	Brett Perriman 8 yard TD PASS from Don Majkowski	28-16
4	Lions	(10:33)	Herman Moore TWO POINT PASS from Don Majkowski	28-18

Game Nine

Packers 28, Lions 18

Final Team Stats

	Lions	Packers
First Downs	18	23
Rushes-Yards	26-166	24-101
Passing Yards	127	254
Return Yards	0	43
Comp-Att-Int	15-32-0	24-35-1
Sacks-Yards Lost	5-26	4-27
Punts-Average	5-37.2	5-31.4
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	10-91	8-55
Time of Possession	26:42	33:18

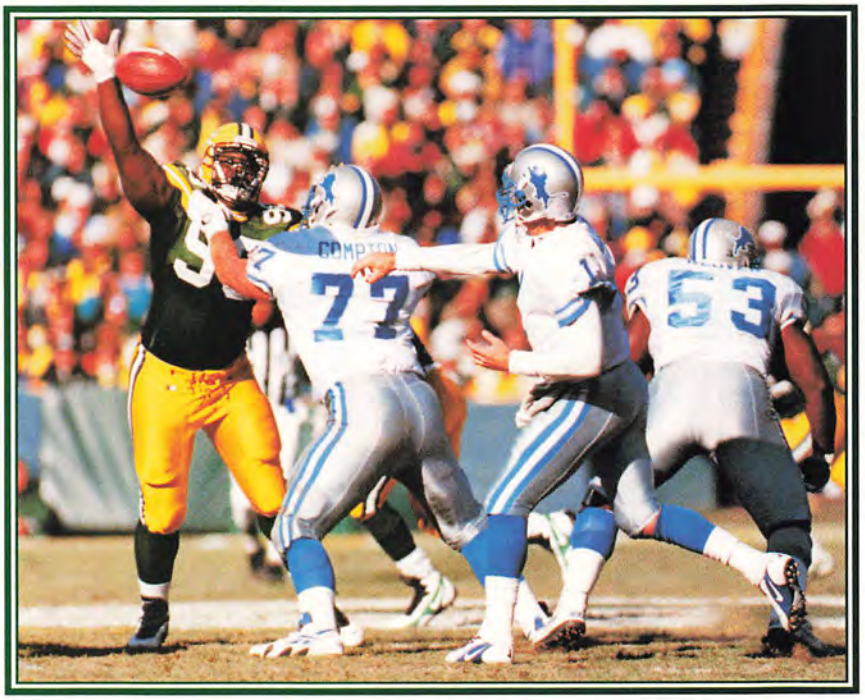


Don Beebe gets medical attention after being knocked out in the Packers' game against the Lions.

Individual Offensive Stats

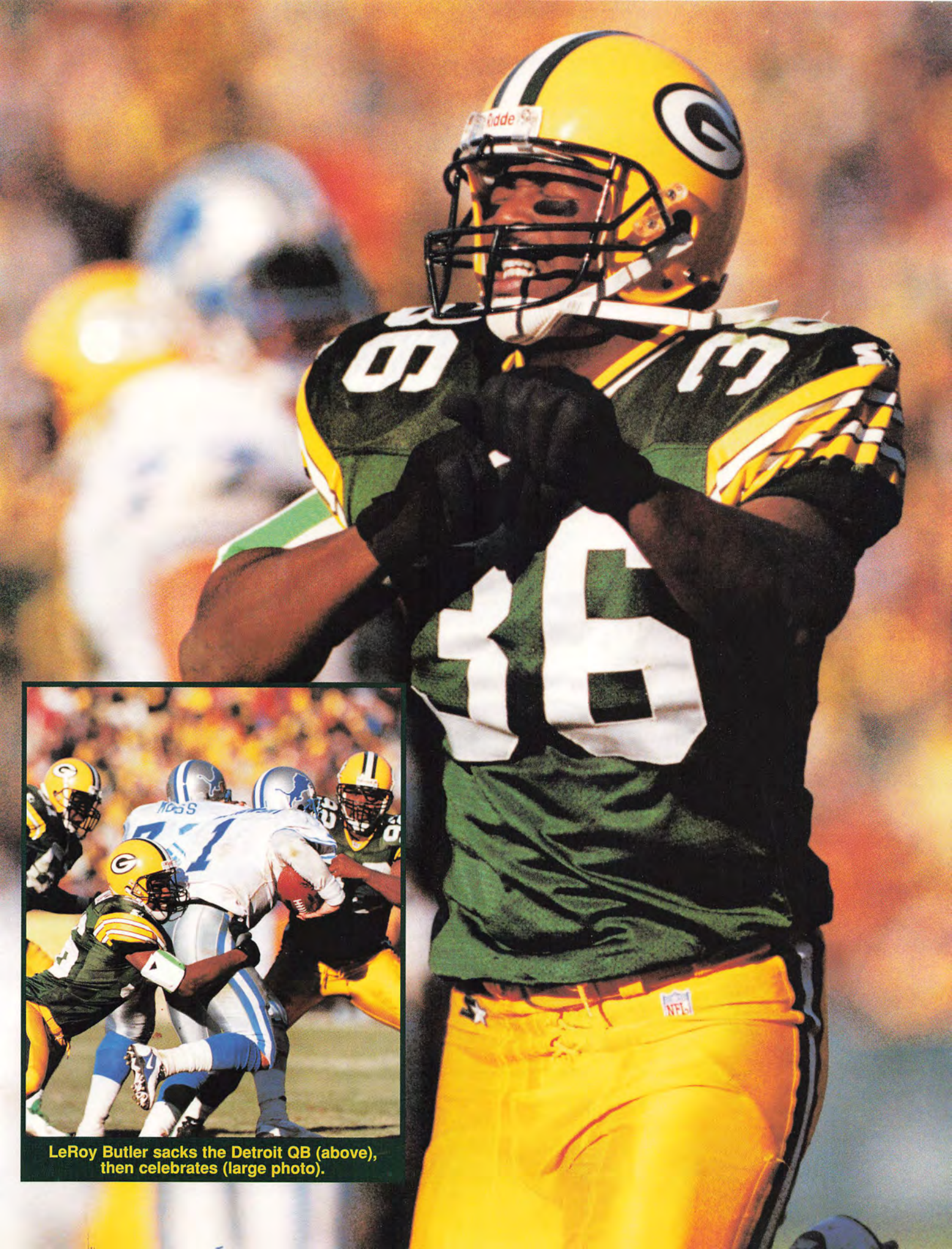
RUSHING	Green Bay:	Edgar Bennett 17-68, Dorsey Levens 4-25, William Henderson 2-7, Brett Favre 1-1
	Lions:	B. Sanders 20-152, D. Majkowski 5-12, R. Rivers 1-2
PASSING	Green Bay:	Brett Favre 24-35-1-281
	Lions:	D. Majkowski 15-32-0-153
RECEIVING	Green Bay:	Terry Mickens 7-52, Don Beebe 4-106, Keith Jackson 3-35, Edgar Bennett 3-27, Mark Chmura 2-28, William Henderson 2-13, Dorsey Levens 2-11, Desmond Howard 1-9
	Lions:	B. Perriman 7-87, H. Moore 4-50, J. Morton 3-17, B. Sanders 1-1
MISSED FIELD GOALS	Green Bay:	None
	Lions:	None

The crowd shows off the Packers' record.



Darius Holland knocks a Detroit pass out of the sky.

MARK WALLENFANG (5)



LeRoy Butler sacks the Detroit QB (above), then celebrates (large photo).

Game Ten: Sunday, November 10, 1996

Kansas City 27, Green Bay 20

Greg Hill ran for 94 yards and two touchdowns and caught a third as the Kansas City Chiefs ran at will against the league's best defense and held off the Green Bay Packers, 27-20.

Hill led a rushing assault that churned out 182 yards against a Green Bay defense that entered the game giving up only 83 yards per game on the ground.

Green Bay had its five-game winning streak snapped and lost to the Chiefs for the fourth straight time.

The Packers drew within 27-20 on a touchdown pass from Brett Favre to rookie Derrick Mayes, his first TD reception, with 1:02 to play. Green Bay attempted an onside kick, but Kimble Anders recovered, and the Chiefs ran out the clock for the victory.

After the teams traded field goals in the first quarter, Pete Stoyanovich booted a 22-yard field goal 56 seconds into the second quarter that gave the Chiefs a 6-3 lead. Later, Steve Bono hit Sean LaChapelle with a 20-yard pass, and Hill had an 8-yard scamper into the end zone to extend the lead to 13-3 with 12:26 left in the first half.

After another Chiefs TD, Green Bay pulled within 20-6 at halftime on a 49-yard field goal by Chris Jacke, and the Packers had the ball to start the second half.

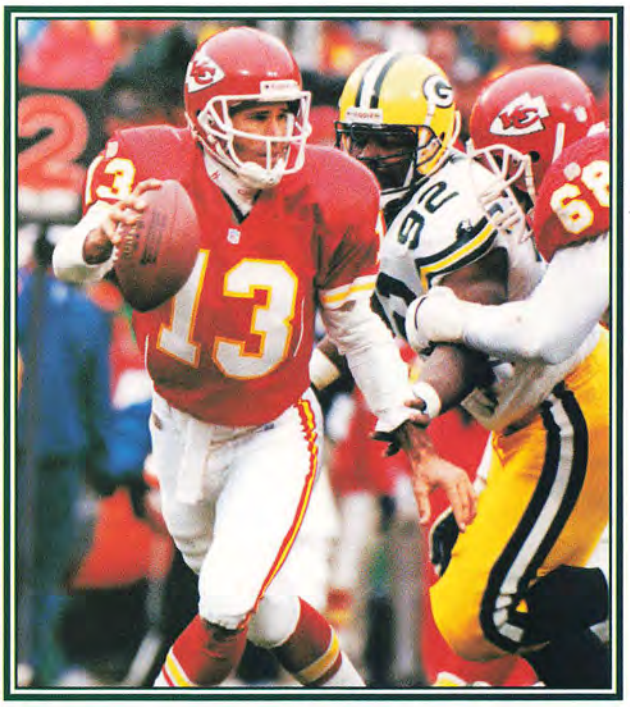
On that possession, however, Chiefs defensive end Neil Smith sacked Favre from behind and knocked the ball out of his hands. Linebacker Derrick Thomas recovered on the Packers 24, and on the next play, Hill burst up the middle, broke one tackle and bounced off two others before crossing the goal line 22 seconds into the second half to make the score 27-6.

Favre's first touchdown pass of the game, a 25-yarder to Don Beebe, drew Green Bay within 27-13 with 3:50 to play in the third quarter.

Favre completed 27 of 49 passes for 310 yards with one interception. It was his second 300-yard game of the season and 14th of his career.

Above: Linebacker Lamont Hollinquest takes charge with a big tackle.

Below: Faithful Packers fans enjoy their trip to Kansas City.



Top Left: Linebacker George Koonce lunges for Marcus Allen.
Top Right: Reggie White gets a hand on Chiefs QB Steve Bono.
Left: Injured tight end Mark Chmura leaves the field.

Final Team Stats

	Packers	Kansas City
First Downs	24	19
Rushes-Yards	20-75	40-182
Passing Yards	289	201
Return Yards	19	31
Comp-Att-Int	27-49-1	9-22-0
Sacks-Yards Lost	4-25	1-3
Punts-Average	6-41.8	7-36.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-82	9-81
Time of Possession	29:09	30:51

Scoring Summary
Chiefs 27, Packers 20

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Green Bay Packers	**3**	**3**	**7**	**7**	**20**
Kansas City Chiefs	3	17	7	0	27

Qtr.	Team	Time	Scoring Play	Score
1	Kansas City	(2:01)	Pete Stoyanovich 26 yard FIELD GOAL	0-3
1	**Green Bay**	(8:08)	Chris Jacke 24 yard FIELD GOAL	3-3
2	Kansas City	(0:56)	Pete Stoyanovich 22 yard FIELD GOAL	3-6
2	Kansas City	(4:42)	Greg Hill 8 yard TD RUN	3-13
2	Kansas City	(7:15)	Greg Hill 34 yard TD PASS from Steve Bono	3-20
2	**Green Bay**	(15:00)	Chris Jacke 49 yard FIELD GOAL	6-20
3	Kansas City	(0:22)	Greg Hill 24 yard TD RUN	6-27
3	**Green Bay**	(11:10)	Don Beebe 25 yard TD PASS from Brett Favre	13-27
4	**Green Bay**	(13:58)	Derrick Mayes 6 yard TD PASS from Brett Favre	20-27

MARK WALLENFANG (5)

Game Eleven: Monday, November 18, 1996

Dallas 21, Green Bay 6

After a tough loss at Kansas City, Green Bay traveled to Dallas, where the Packers learned the pesky Cowboys *still* have their number.

Cowboys kicker Chris Boniol tied an NFL record with seven field goals, five in the first half, and the defense held Brett Favre in check as the Cowboys topped Green Bay, 21-6.

In the last four seasons, the teams have played seven times, four times in the regular season and three times in the playoffs, with all the games played in Dallas. All seven times, the Cowboys have walked off the field victorious.

Boniol hit field goals of 45, 37, 42, 45, and 35 in the first half and 39 and 29 yards in the second half to join the St. Louis Cardinals' Jim Bakken and the Minnesota Vikings' Rich Karlis as the only players to kick seven field goals in a game.

Dallas held Green Bay without a touchdown until 1:53 remained in the game, long after the outcome was no longer in doubt. The game also marked the fifth time in 11 games through that point in the season that the Cowboys' defense had held an opponent under 10 points.

Favre was held to just 194 yards, completing 21 of 37 passes, most of them while under pressure from a swarming Dallas defense. One bright spot for Green Bay was the play of tight end Keith Jackson, who had seven catches for 98 yards and was Favre's primary target.

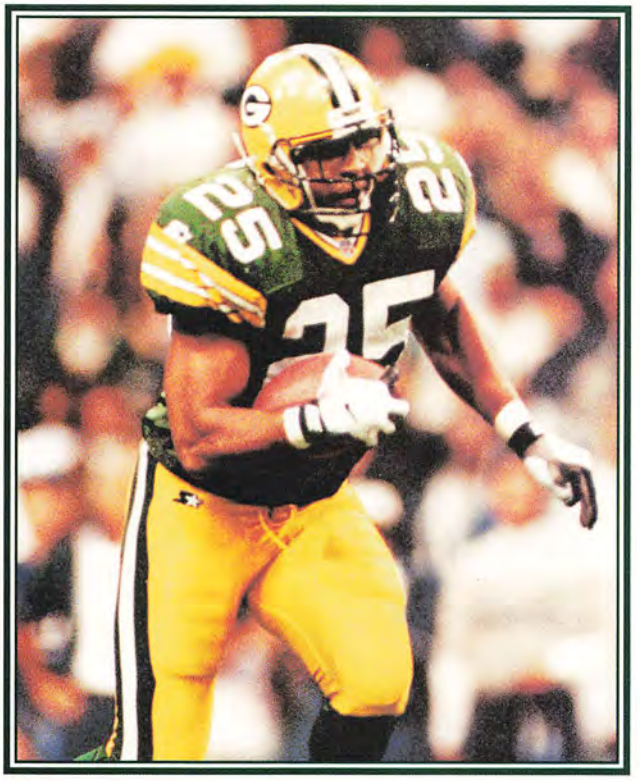
Aikman continued his strong play against the Packers, completing 24 of 35 passes for 206 yards.

The third quarter saw both defenses take over until Green Bay mounted its best drive of the game. Taking over on their 41, Favre moved the Packers to the Dallas 14, but Chris Jacke missed a 32-yard field goal attempt to the left.

The Packers scored only on a 3-yard touchdown pass from Favre to rookie wide receiver Derrick Mayes with 1:53 to play.

Coach Holmgren watches the Packers fall once again to the Dallas Cowboys in Monday Night Football action at Texas Stadium.

MARK WALLENFANG (5)



Top Left: Reggie White eyes Dallas QB Troy Aikman and the loose ball.
Top Right: Dorsey Levens looks for a hole against Dallas.
Left: Desmond Howard tries to make a spectacular, one-handed catch.

Final Team Stats

	Packers	Cowboys
First Downs	15	15
Rushes-Yards	21-90	28-112
Passing Yards	164	205
Return Yards	14	50
Comp-Att-Int	21-37-0	24-35-0
Sacks-Yards Lost	4-30	1-1
Punts-Average	7-44.9	4-45.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-0
Penalties-Yards	6-28	5-25
Time of Possession	27:01	32:59

Scoring Summary

Cowboys 21, Packers 6

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Green Bay Packers	**0**	**0**	**0**	**6**	**6**
Dallas Cowboys	6	9	0	6	21

Qtr.	Team	Time	Scoring Play	Score
1	Cowboys	(3:38)	Chris Boniol 45 yard FIELD GOAL	0-3
1	Cowboys	(10:13)	Chris Boniol 37 yard FIELD GOAL	0-6
2	Cowboys	(0:59)	Chris Boniol 42 yard FIELD GOAL	0-9
2	Cowboys	(8:30)	Chris Boniol 45 yard FIELD GOAL	0-12
2	Cowboys	(14:53)	Chris Boniol 35 yard FIELD GOAL	0-15
4	Cowboys	(6:24)	Chris Boniol 39 yard FIELD GOAL	0-18
4	**Green Bay**	(13:07)	Derrick Mayes 3 yard TD PASS from Brett Favre	6-18
4	**Green Bay**	(13:07)	Brett Favre TWO POINT PASS FAILED	6-18
4	Cowboys	(14:40)	Chris Boniol 28 yard FIELD GOAL	6-21

Game Twelve: Sunday, November 24, 1996

Green Bay 24, St. Louis 9

Brett Favre overcame a slow start and became just the second quarterback in NFL history to throw for 30 touchdowns in three seasons as the Green Bay Packers halted a two-game slide by beating the St. Louis Rams.

Favre, who completed 25 of 37 passes for 192 yards with two touchdowns and two interceptions, shares the 30-TD mark with Miami's Dan Marino, who has done it four times.

Andre Rison, who had been waived by the Jacksonville Jaguars, made his Green Bay debut against St. Louis and helped a somewhat-stagnant offense by catching five passes for 44 yards.

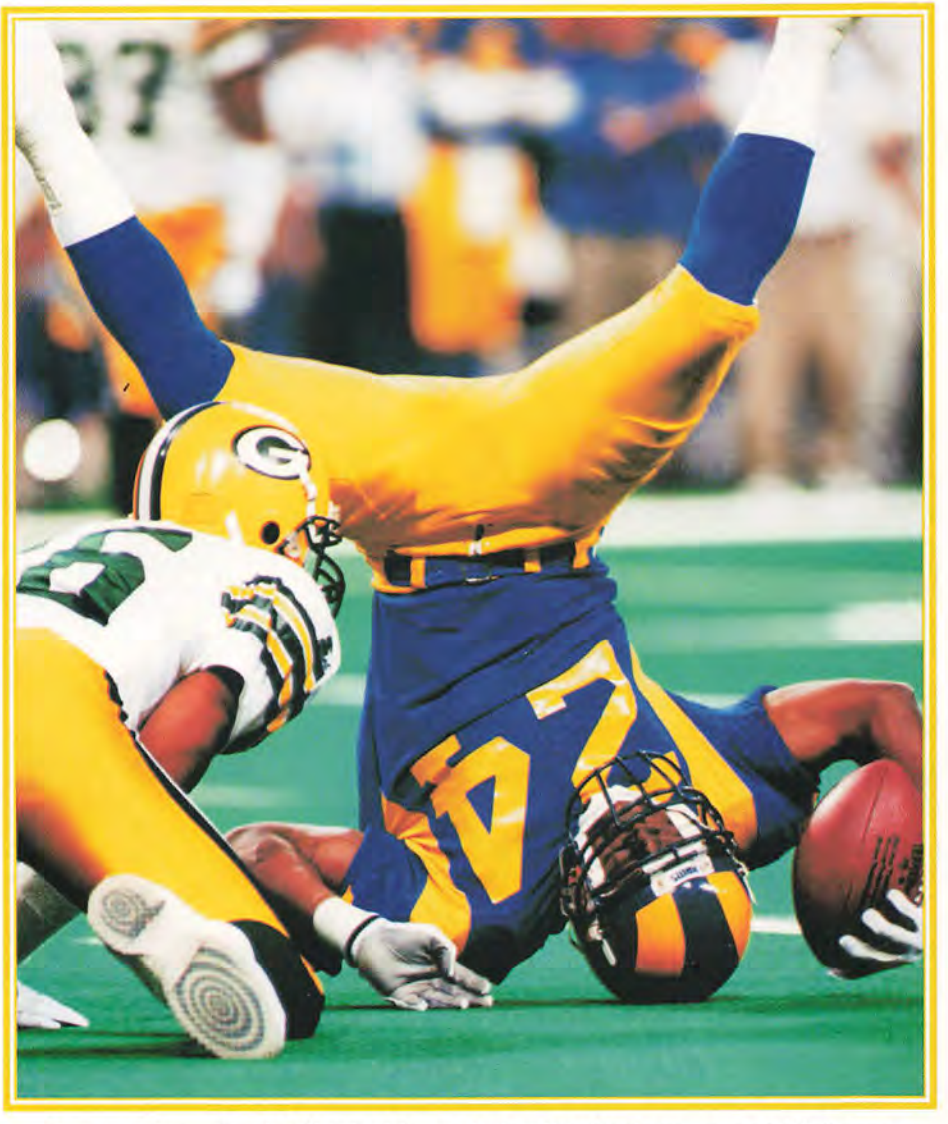
The Green Bay defense, meanwhile, caused plenty of problems for Rams rookie quarterback Tony Banks, sacking him three times, forcing two fumbles, and returning an interception for the go-ahead touchdown in the third quarter. Thanks to the defensive pressure, the Packers scored the final 24 points of the contest after going behind in the first half 9-0.

Favre was called for intentional grounding in the end zone with 2:08 left in the second quarter, giving the Rams the somewhat-surprising 9-0 lead. But Green Bay's Mike Prior recovered the ensuing free kick, and Chris Jacke kicked a 37-yard field goal as time expired, slicing the margin to 9-3 at halftime.

The Packers went ahead to stay in the opening minute of the second half when cornerback Doug Evans returned an interception 32 yards for a touchdown.

Linebacker Brian Williams recovered a Banks fumble at the St. Louis 20 with 7:10 left in the third quarter, and Favre hit Keith Jackson in the front of the end zone just over two minutes later to extend Green Bay's lead to 17-9.

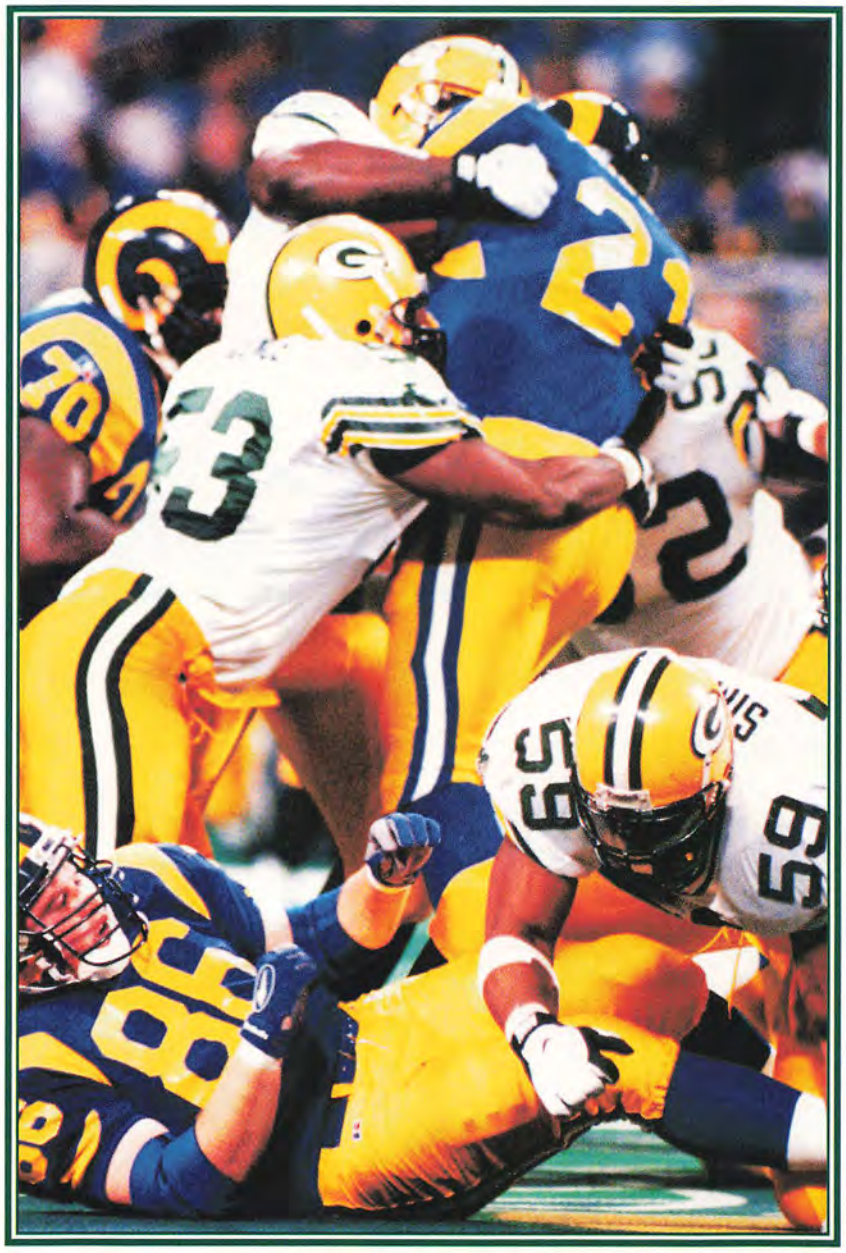
Desmond Howard's 29-yard punt return set up Favre's 30th touchdown, a 6-yard toss to running back Dorsey Levens in the opening minute of the fourth quarter.



Above: Cornerback Mike Robinson helps the Packers up-end St. Louis.

Below: Packers fans show their support on the road.

MARK WALLENFANG (3)



The Green Bay defense keeps the Rams in check.

INSIDE THE NUMBERS

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The number of points St. Louis scored in the second half, which allowed Green Bay to go on a 21-0 run after intermission

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Andre Rison's catches and receiving yards, respectively, in his first game with the Packers

30

The season touchdown mark Brett Favre reached against St. Louis, making 1996 the third straight season in which he had thrown for 30 TDs ... only Favre and Dan Marino have accomplished that feat

Scoring Summary

Packers 24, Rams 9

Team	1	2	3	4	F
St. Louis Rams	0	9	0	0	9
Green Bay Packers	**0**	**3**	**14**	**7**	**24**

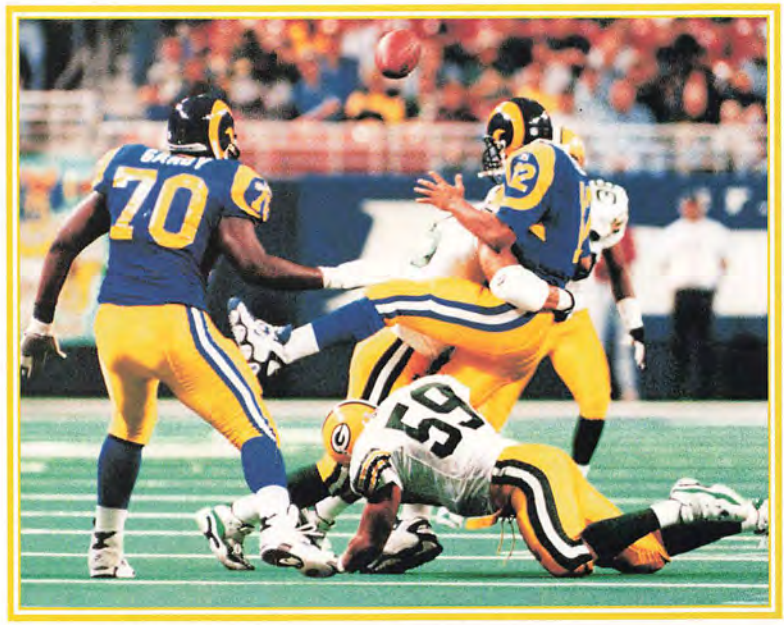
Qtr.	Team	Time	Scoring Play	Score
2	St Louis	(12:31)	Isaac Bruce 6 yard TD PASS from Tony Banks	0-7
2	St Louis	(12:52)	SAFETY	0-9
2	**Green Bay**	(15:00)	Chris Jacke 37 yard FIELD GOAL	3-9
3	**Green Bay**	(0:55)	Doug Evans 32 yard INTERCEPTION RETURN for TD	10-9
3	**Green Bay**	(11:01)	Keith Jackson 6 yard TD PASS from Brett Favre	17-9
4	**Green Bay**	(0:52)	Dorsey Levens 5 yard TD PASS from Brett Favre	24-9

Game Twelve

Packers 24, Rams 9

Final Team Stats

	Rams	Packers
First Downs	15	15
Rushes-Yards	23-65	27-58
Passing Yards	165	185
Return Yards	16	85
Comp-Att-Int	19-32-3	19-28-1
Sacks-Yards Lost	3-5	1-7
Punts-Average	7-49.3	6-44.3
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-68	4-25
Time of Possession	32:40	27:20



A Green Bay defender knocks the football out of the hands of St. Louis quarterback Tony Banks.

Individual Offensive Stats

RUSHING	Green Bay:	Edgar Bennett 15-31, Dorsey Levens 4-23, Brett Favre 4-0, William Henderson 4-4
	Rams:	H. Green 12-43, L. Phillips 9-23, T. Banks 1-0, J.T. Thomas 1-1
PASSING	Green Bay:	Brett Favre 25-38-2-192
	Rams:	T. Banks 17-37-1-170
RECEIVING	Green Bay:	Andre Rison 5-44, Don Beebe 4-46, Edgar Bennett 4-28, Dorsey Levens 4-18, Terry Mickens 3-36, Keith Jackson 3-17, William Henderson 2-3
	Rams:	I. Bruce 6-53, E. Conwell 5-53, H. Green 3-32, A. Laing 2-19, A. Wright 1-13
MISSED FIELD GOALS	Green Bay:	None
	Rams:	None

Reggie White and Wayne Simmons combine to sandwich the Rams rusher.

MARK WALLENFANG (3)

Keith Jackson Struts Into The End Zone
After Catching A 6-Yard TD Pass

Game Thirteen: Sunday, December 1, 1996

Green Bay 28, Chicago 17

Every year, the Chicago Bears bring out the best in the Green Bay Packers.

Desmond Howard's 75-yard punt return with 5:30 left in the third quarter snapped a tie, and Antonio Freeman had a career-high 10 receptions and 156 yards in his return to the lineup as the Packers rolled to a 28-17 victory over their division rivals.

With the score tied 7-7, Howard fielded a punt at his own 25 and cut to the right side. The Packers' special teams unit set up a wall between the hashmark and the sideline as Howard ran untouched for his second punt return touchdown of the season. The score gave Green Bay all the momentum it needed to put the Bears away.

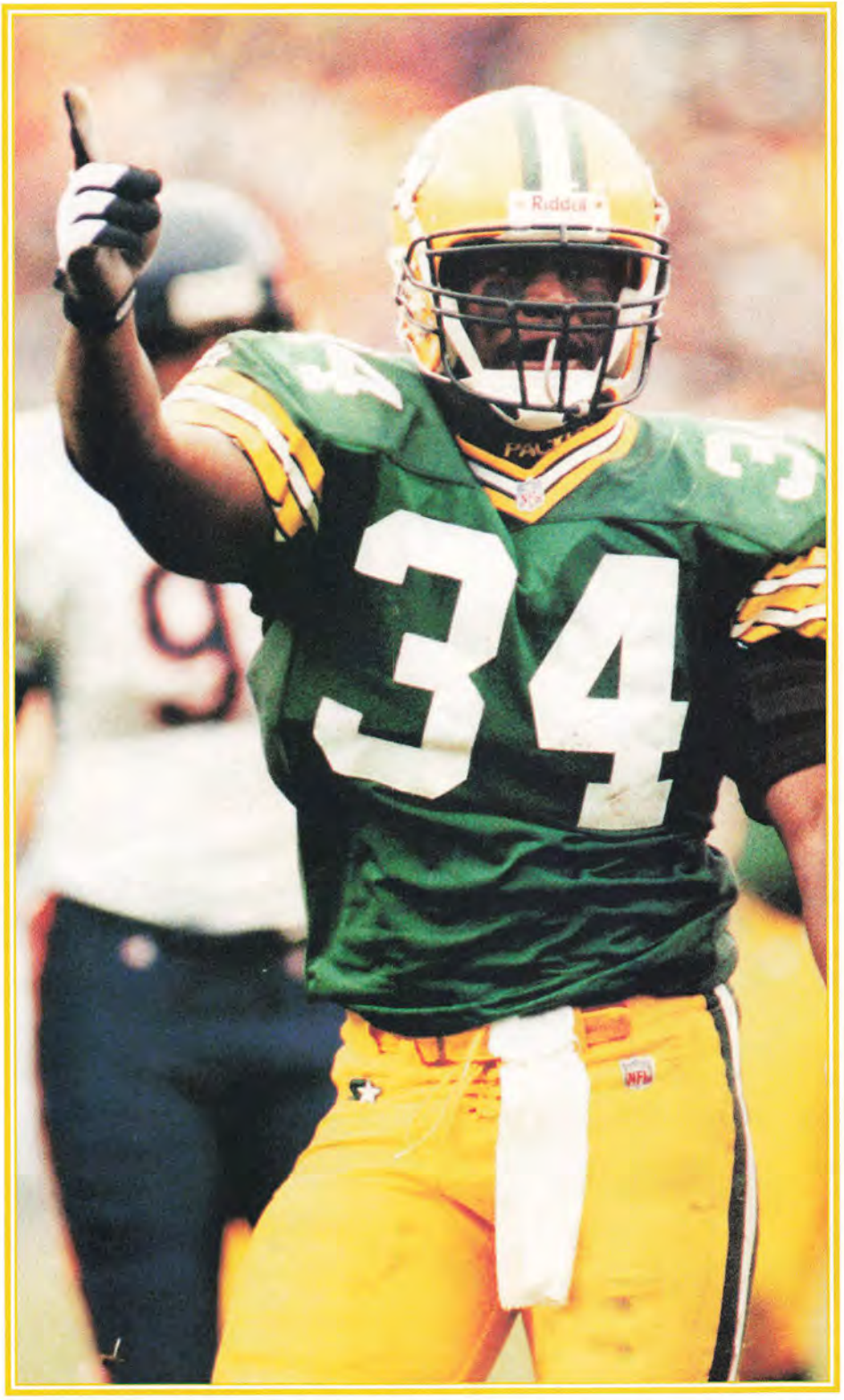
Freeman, who broke his left forearm in a 13-7 victory over Tampa Bay on October 27, had five receptions in the first half for 101 yards. It was his third 100-yard game of the 1996 season as well as his career. In his two games against the Bears, Freeman caught 17 passes for 302 yards.

Brett Favre, meanwhile, completed 19 of 27 passes for 231 yards and a touchdown on the day.

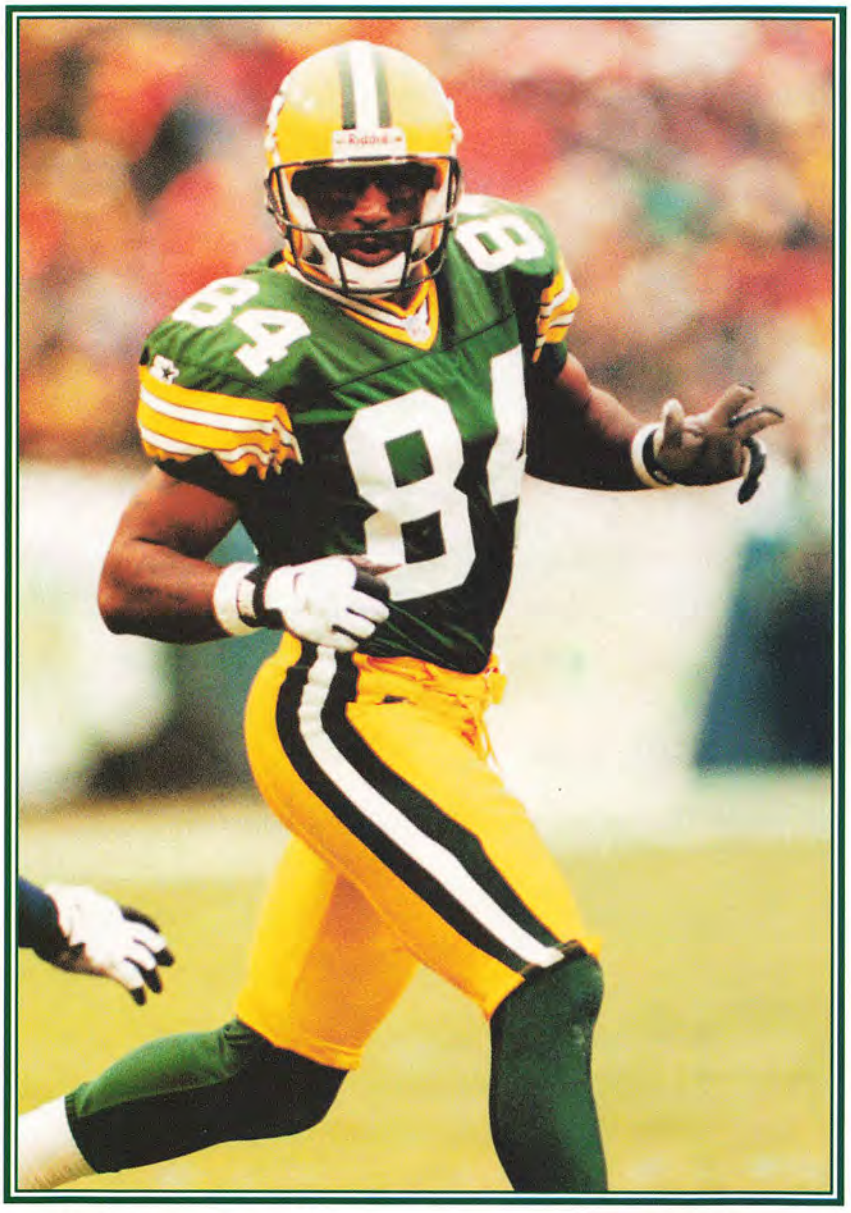
Chicago opened the scoring late in the first half on a 15-yard pass from Dave Krieg to Bobby Engram with 1:30 left in the second quarter. But Favre responded with a quick drive for the tying score, marching Green Bay 64 yards in four plays. He hooked up with Freeman on passes of 15 and 30 yards, respectively, before finding Keith Jackson from 19 yards out with 54 seconds to play in the half.

Favre continued to move Green Bay at will in the second half, marching the Packers 80 yards in nine plays, capped by Dorsey Levens' 10-yard run off tackle to the right side.

Later, Eugene Robinson intercepted Krieg at the Chicago 47, and Favre kept the drive going with a sneak on 4th-and-1 to the Bears 37. Edgar Bennett added a 16-yard run up the middle before Favre ran in from a yard out to make it 28-10 with 5:39 to play.



Edgar Bennett signals a first down for the Packers in their game against division rival Chicago at Lambeau Field on December 1, 1996.



Wide receiver Andre Rison runs a pass route against Chicago.

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Green Bay's record in its last six games against the Bears ... through 1996, Chicago leads the all-time series 81-65-6

116

The number of points Chicago was outscored by in those six games against the powerhouse Packers (200-84)

5/101

Antonio Freeman's first-half receptions and yards, respectively ... he finished the game with 10 catches for 156 yards, both personal career highs

Scoring Summary

Packers 28, Bears 17

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Green Bay Packers	**0**	**7**	**7**	**14**	**28**
Chicago Bears	0	7	3	7	17

Qtr.	Team	Time	Scoring Play	Score
2	Chicago	(13:30)	Bobby Engram 15 yard TD PASS from Dave Krieg	0-7
2	**Green Bay**	(14:06)	Keith Jackson 19 yard TD PASS from Brett Favre	7-7
3	**Green Bay**	(9:30)	Desmond Howard 75 yard PUNT RETURN TD	14-7
3	Chicago	(12:46)	Jeff Jaeger 34 yard FIELD GOAL	14-10
4	**Green Bay**	(2:20)	Dorsey Levens 10 yard TD RUN	21-10
4	**Green Bay**	(9:21)	Brett Favre 1 yard TD RUN	28-10
4	Chicago	(13:05)	Bobby Engram 5 yard TD PASS from Dave Krieg	28-17

MARK WALLENFANG (2)

Game Thirteen

Packers 28, Bears 17

Final Team Stats

	Packers	Bears
First Downs	20	21
Rushes-Yards	26-126	26-88
Passing Yards	216	204
Return Yards	77	8
Comp-Att-Int	19-27-0	28-44-1
Sacks-Yards Lost	2-15	1-10
Punts-Average	4-40.3	5-40.2
Fumbles-Lost	3-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	2-10	3-30
Time of Possession	27:38	32:22

One devoted Packer fan takes it off for his team.

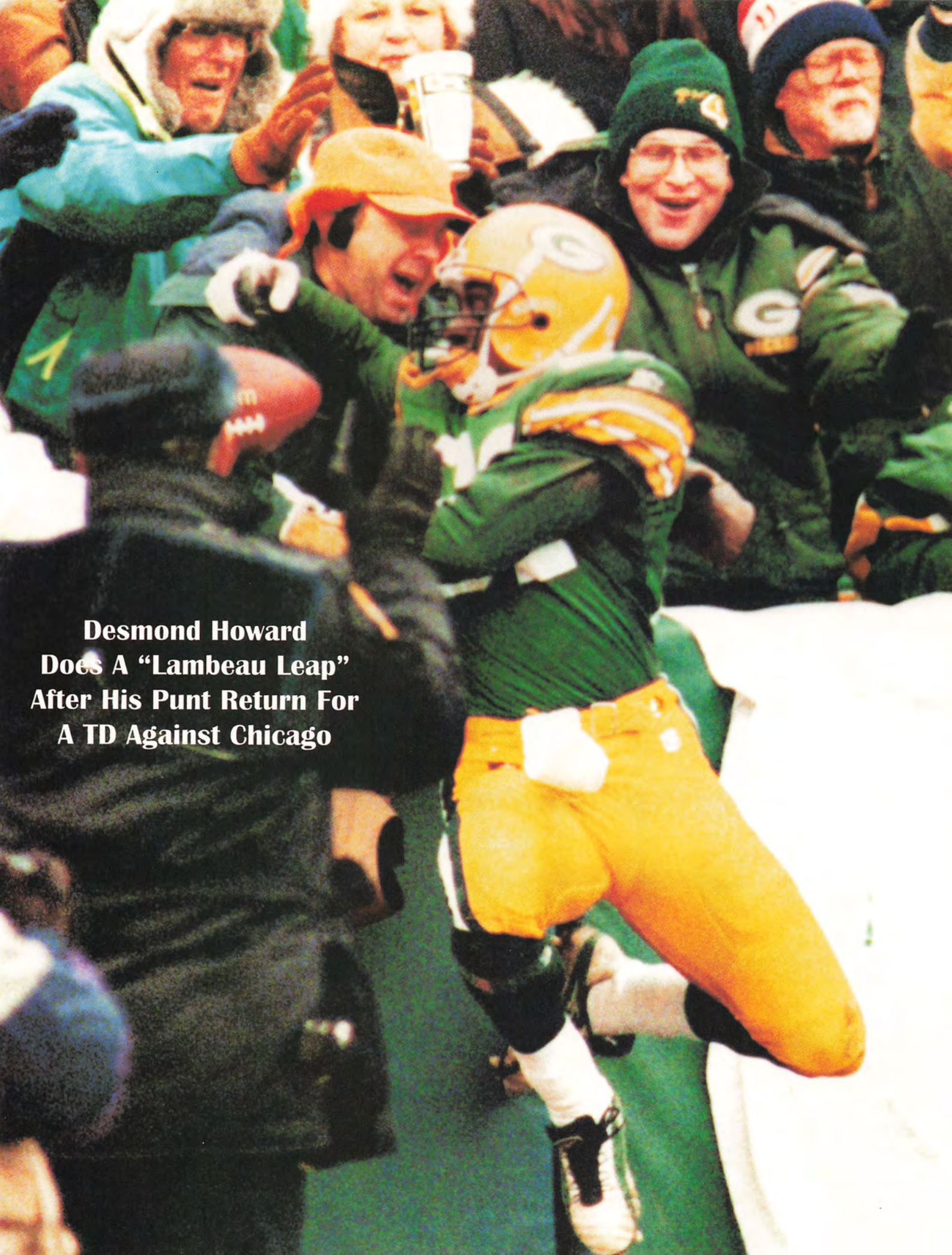
Individual Offensive Stats

RUSHING	Green Bay:	Brett Favre 4-4, Edgar Bennett 16-51, Dorsey Levens 5-69, William Henderson 1-2
	Bears:	R. Harris 24-79, C. Conway 2-9
PASSING	Green Bay:	Brett Favre 19-27-0-231
	Bears:	D. Krieg 28-44-1-214
RECEIVING	Green Bay:	Antonio Freeman 10-156, Keith Jackson 3-34, Don Beebe 2-18, Andre Rison 2-14, Dorsey Levens 1-8, William Henderson 1-1
	Bears:	C. Conway 6-61, R. Harris 5-28, B. Engram 4-46, M. Timpson 4-38, T. Carter 4-21, R. Green 3-8, B. Neely 2-12
MISSED FIELD GOALS	Green Bay:	Chris Jacke 46
	Bears:	None

Edgar Bennett shows off some fine moves for the Bears.

Keith Jackson celebrates his 19-yard touchdown catch.

MARK WALLENFANG (4)



Desmond Howard Does A "Lambeau Leap" After His Punt Return For A TD Against Chicago

Game Fourteen: Sunday, December 8, 1996

Green Bay 41, Denver 6

A Super Bowl preview? If so, Packers fans could look forward to a serious blowout in the Louisiana Superdome on January 26, 1997.

Brett Favre passed for four touchdowns, including three to Antonio Freeman, to lead the Green Bay Packers to a 41-6 rout of the Denver Broncos in a game that was billed as a preview of Super Bowl XXXI.

With the victory, the Packers clinched the NFC Central Division crown for the second straight year, marking the first back-to-back division titles for Green Bay since 1966-67.

The possible Super Bowl preview lost most of its luster because Denver quarterback John Elway sat out with a sore left hamstring. Instead of a matchup between star quarterbacks Favre and Elway, the Broncos were forced to give Bill Musgrave his first career NFL start.

Without Elway, Denver struggled to establish a running game, and Musgrave wilted in the face of an intense Packers defensive front, completing 12 of 21 passes for just 101 yards.

Meanwhile, Favre passed for at least four touchdowns in a game for the fifth time during the 1996 season. Favre, who was 20 of 38 for 280 yards with two interceptions, hit Freeman with touchdown passes of 51, 25, and 14 yards, and he connected with tight end Keith Jackson on a 1-yard scoring play.

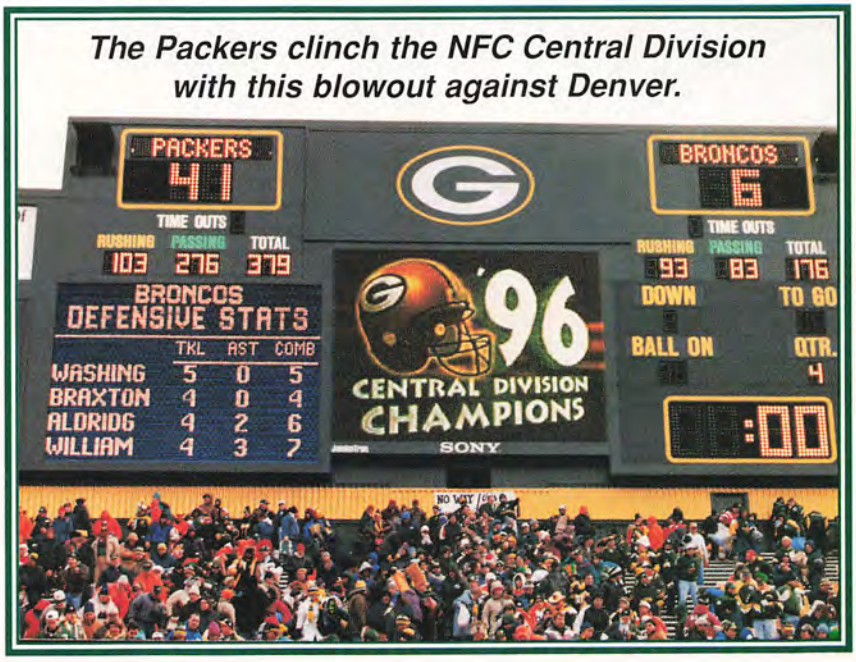
Freeman had nine catches for a career-high 175 yards in his second game back since missing four games with a broken left forearm. He had a career-high 10 receptions for 156 yards in the previous week's 28-17 win over Chicago.

Tight end Mark Chmura also returned to the Packers after missing three games with a torn arch. He had four catches for 70 yards.

Green Bay held Denver's Terrell Davis, the NFL's leading rusher at the time, to 54 yards on 14 carries.

Green Bay's Dorsey Levens, meanwhile, rushed for 86 yards on 14 carries.

The Packers clinch the NFC Central Division with this blowout against Denver.



Doug Evans goes in for a sack attempt against Denver.

Tight end Mark Chmura takes on two Broncos defenders.....

... and wins!!!

INSIDE THE NUMBERS

83

The number of passing yards for Denver, which was forced to play without injured starter John Elway ... the Packers had 276 passing yards in the contest

3-4-1

The Packers' all-time record against Denver after the victory on December 8, 1996 ... the last meeting had been in 1993, when the Packers also won, 30-27

35

The Packers' margin of victory in the Denver blowout, largest of the 1996 season ... this topped even huge wins over Tampa Bay (34-3) and Chicago (37-6)

Scoring Summary

Packers 41, Broncos 6

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Denver Broncos	3	0	3	0	6
Green Bay Packers	**3**	**10**	**7**	**21**	**41**

Qtr.	Team	Time	Scoring Play	Score
1	**Green Bay**	(7:03)	Chris Jacke 33 yard FIELD GOAL	3-0
1	Denver	(12:11)	Jason Elam 40 yard FIELD GOAL	3-3
2	**Green Bay**	(13:06)	Chris Jacke 22 yard FIELD GOAL	6-3
3	**Green Bay**	(14:43)	Antonio Freeman 14 yard TD PASS from Brett Favre	13-3
3	Denver	(3:04)	Jason Elam 39 yard FIELD GOAL	13-6
3	**Green Bay**	(6:12)	Antonio Freeman 51 yard TD PASS from Brett Favre	20-6
4	**Green Bay**	(0:44)	Keith Jackson 1 yard TD PASS from Brett Favre	27-6
4	**Green Bay**	(7:39)	Antonio Freeman 25 yard TD PASS from Brett Favre	34-6
4	**Green Bay**	(9:33)	Don Beebe OFFENSIVE FUMBLE RECOVERY in end zone for TD	41-6

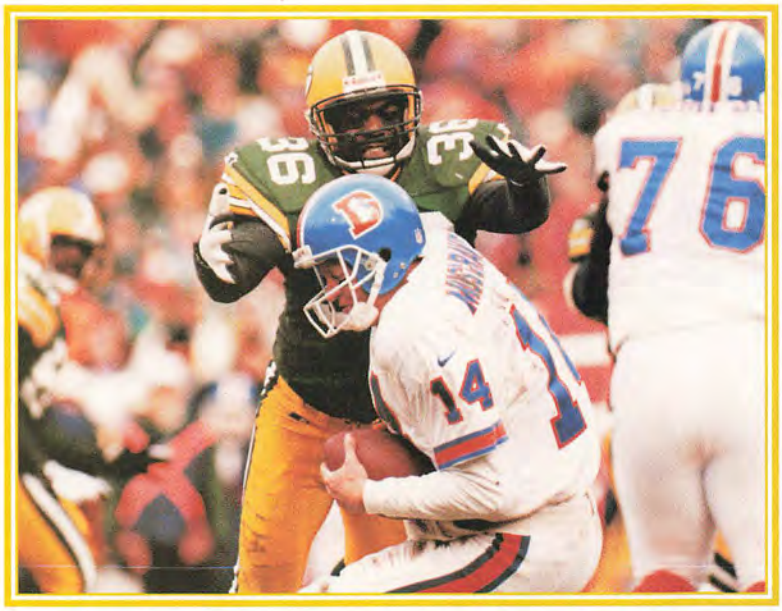
MARK WALLENFANG (2)

Game Fourteen

Packers 41, Broncos 6

Final Team Stats

	Broncos	Packers
First Downs	9	22
Rushes-Yards	24-93	29-103
Passing Yards	83	276
Return Yards	20	24
Comp-Att-Int	13-24-0	20-38-2
Sacks-Yards Lost	3-23	1-4
Punts-Average	5-34.8	2-39.0
Fumbles-Lost	4-3	2-0
Penalties-Yards	10-65	7-45
Time of Possession	27:25	32:35



LeRoy Butler rushes in to sack the Denver QB.

Individual Offensive Stats

RUSHING	Green Bay:	Edgar Bennett 9-5, Dorsey Levens 14-86, William Henderson 1-3, Brett Favre 2-2, Travis Jervey
	Denver:	T. Davis 14-54, V. Hebron 7-30, B. Musgrave 1-6, J. Lewis 1-4, A. Craver 1--1
PASSING	Green Bay:	Brett Favre 20-38-2-280
	Denver:	B. Musgrave 12-21-0-101, J. Lewis 1-3-0-5
RECEIVING	Green Bay:	Antonio Freeman 9-175, Mark Chmura 4-70, Keith Jackson 3-20, Dorsey Levens 2-7, Andre Rison 1-7, William Henderson 1-1
	Denver:	S. Sharpe 4-34, E. McCaffrey 3-41, A. Miller 2-18, M. Sherrard 1-7, R. Smith 1-6, V. Hebron 1-5, A. Craver 1--5
MISSED FIELD GOALS	Green Bay:	None
	Denver:	None

Antonio Freeman makes the reception and ...

... breaks away from the defender for the touchdown!

MARK WALLENFANG (4)

Reggie White Celebrates A Sack Against Denver

Game Fifteen: Sunday, December 15, 1996

Green Bay 31, Detroit 3

Another week, another win.

Brett Favre passed for one touchdown and ran for another and Desmond Howard scored on a 92-yard punt return to lead the Green Bay Packers to a 31-3 rout of the Detroit Lions.

The victory clinched a first-round playoff bye for the Packers.

Favre threw his league-leading 36th touchdown pass early in the fourth quarter, a 27-yard toss to Antonio Freeman. Favre also had a 1-yard scoring run at 10:18 of the third period for the Packers, who swept both games from the Lions in 1996.

Detroit could manage only a 39-yard field goal by Brian Hanson with 4:50 left in the third quarter against the Packers' stingy defense.

Green Bay opened the scoring on a Chris Jacke 20-yard field goal with just under a minute remaining in the first quarter. The drive was set up by a 23-yard Howard punt return that allowed Green Bay's offense to start on the Detroit 35.

Howard's 92-yard punt return was the fourth-longest in team history and gave the Packers a 10-0 halftime lead. He returned five punts in the game, totaling 167 yards.

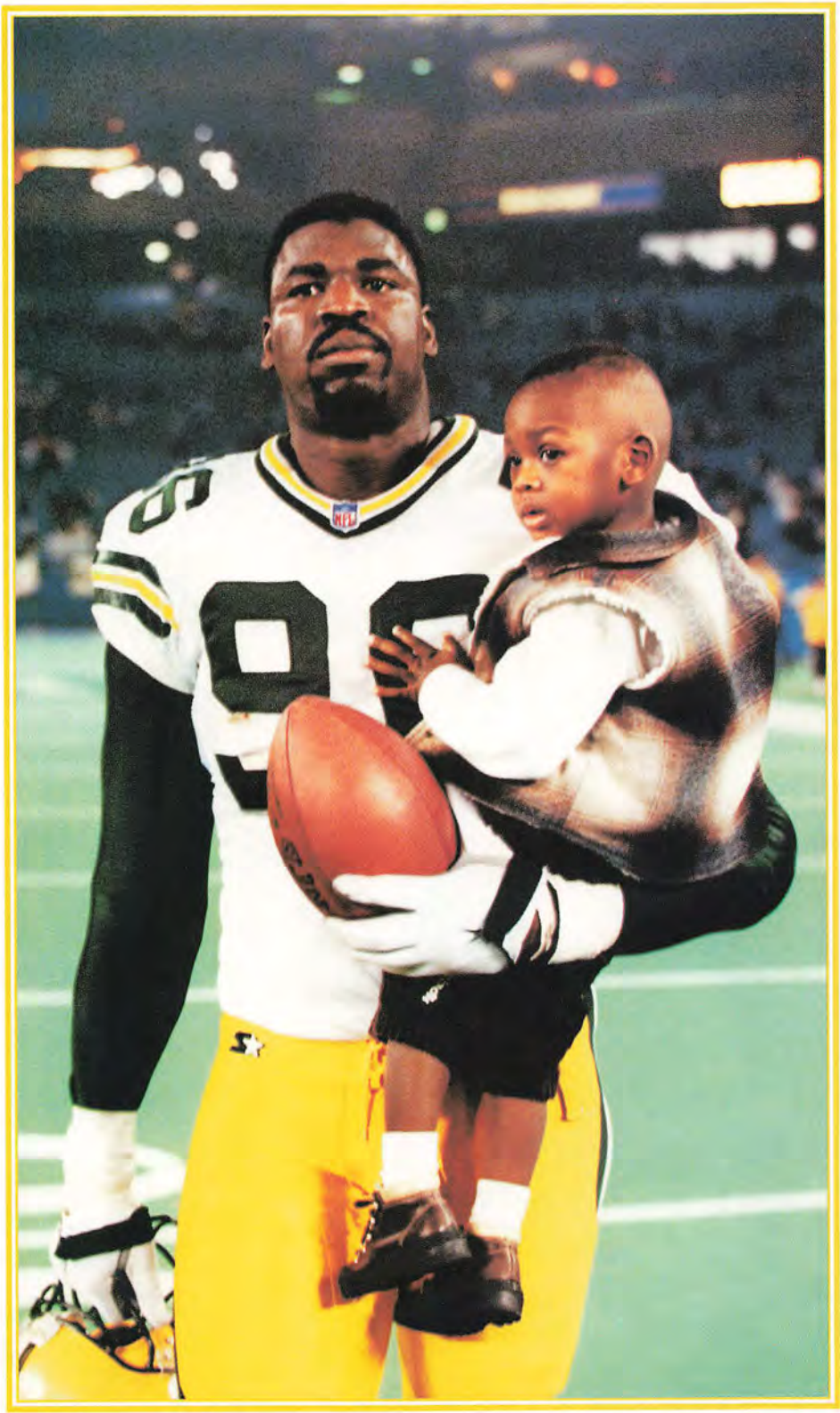
Green Bay took the opening kickoff in the second half and marched 80 yards in eight plays, capped by Favre's rushing score 4:42 into the quarter. Favre was 3 for 4 on the drive for 55 yards.

Dorsey Levens scored on a 1-yard run five seconds into the fourth quarter. The score was set up by a 40-yard completion to Don Beebe on 3rd-and-19, bringing the ball to the Detroit 20.

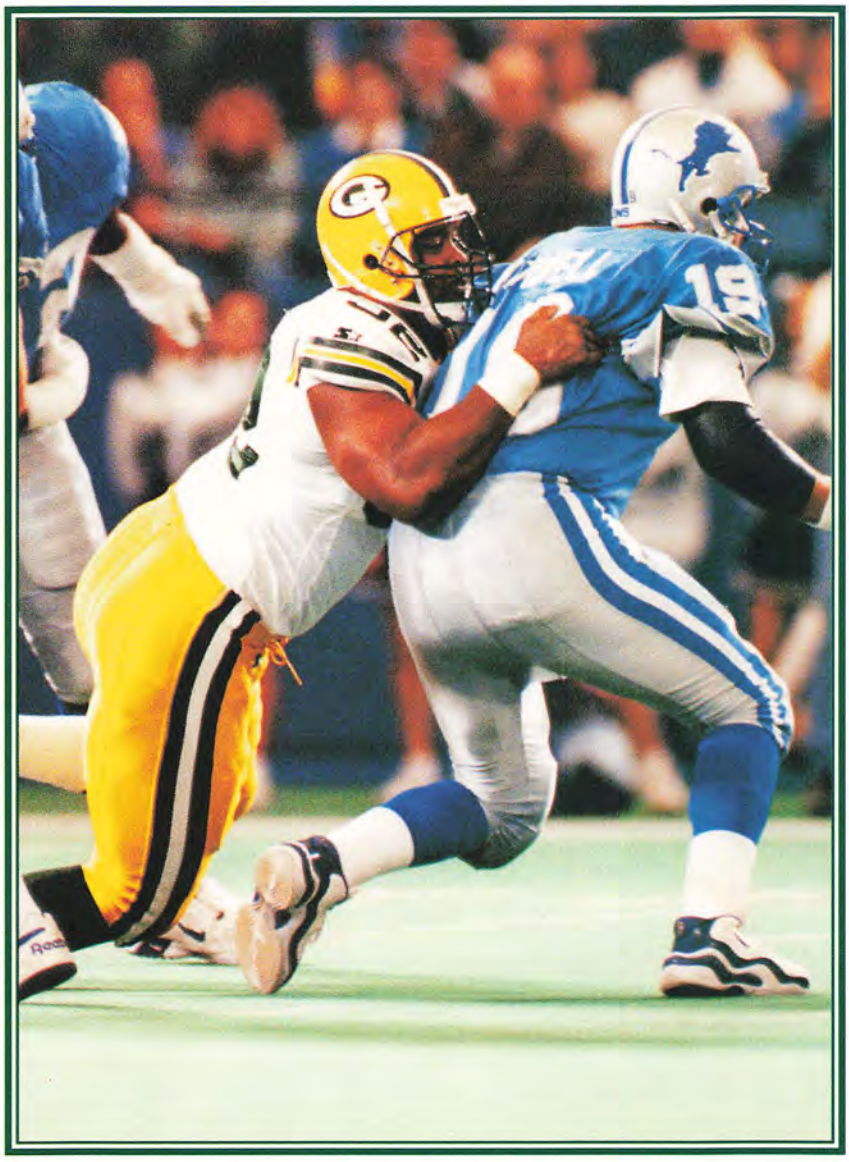
Levens carried 11 times for 39 yards in the game, while Edgar Bennett led the team in rushing with 60 yards on 12 carries.

Antonio Freeman hauled in a 27-yard TD pass from Favre with 2:32 remaining to complete the scoring. Overall, MVP candidate Favre completed 16 of 25 passes for 240 yards, one touchdown, and one interception.

Freeman had three receptions for 60 yards.



Defensive end Sean Jones holds the game ball along with his son, Dylan.



Reggie White gets a hold of Detroit QB Scott Mitchell.

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The length of Desmond Howard's punt return for a touchdown in the second quarter against Detroit ... it was the fourth-longest punt return in team history

4-4

Detroit's home record in 1996 after the loss to Green Bay ... the home record was the Lions' worst since 1992 (3-5)

78

Barry Sanders' total rushing yards against the tough Green Bay defense

Scoring Summary

Packers 31, Lions 3

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Green Bay Packers	**3**	**7**	**6**	**15**	**31**
Detroit Lions	0	0	3	0	3

Qtr.	Team	Time	Scoring Play	Score
1	**Green Bay**	(14:07)	Chris Jacke 20 yard FIELD GOAL	3-0
2	**Green Bay**	(3:11)	Desmond Howard 92 yard PUNT RETURN for TD	10-0
3	**Green Bay**	(4:42)	Brett Favre 1 yard TD RUN	16-0
3	**Green Bay**	(4:42)	Chris Jacke EXTRA POINT MISSED	16-0
3	Detroit	(10:10)	Jason Hanson 39 yard FIELD GOAL	16-3
4	**Green Bay**	(0:05)	Dorsey Levens 1 yard TD RUN	22-3
4	**Green Bay**	(0:05)	Edgar Bennett TWO POINT PASS from Brett Favre	24-3
4	**Green Bay**	(12:28)	Antonio Freeman 27 yard TD PASS from Brett Favre	31-3

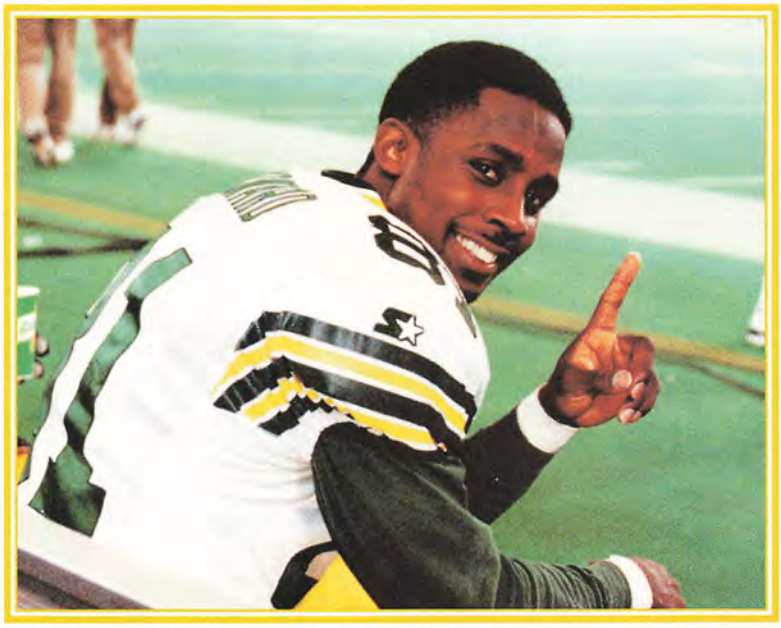
MARK WALLENFANG (2)

Game Fifteen

Packers 31, Lions 17

Final Team Stats

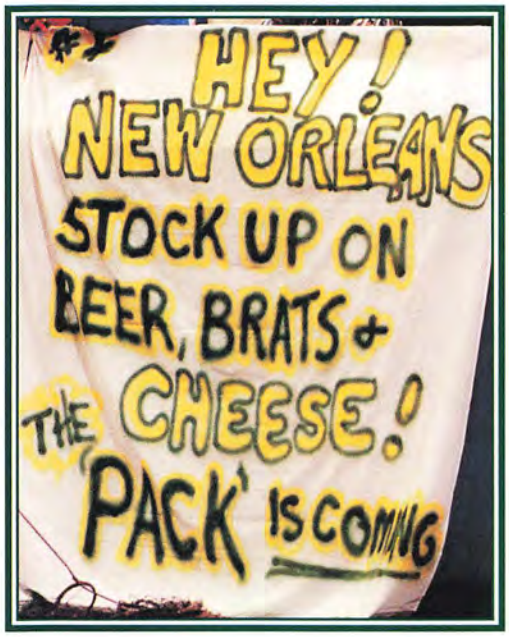
	Packers	Lions
First Downs	20	18
Rushes-Yards	26-111	23-79
Passing Yards	225	186
Return Yards	204	29
Comp-Att-Int	16-25-1	23-40-1
Sacks-Yards Lost	3-15	4-21
Punts-Average	2-44	5-44
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	11-75	7-60
Time of Possession	27:01	32:59



Desmond Howard is all smiles after his punt return for a TD.

Individual Offensive Stats

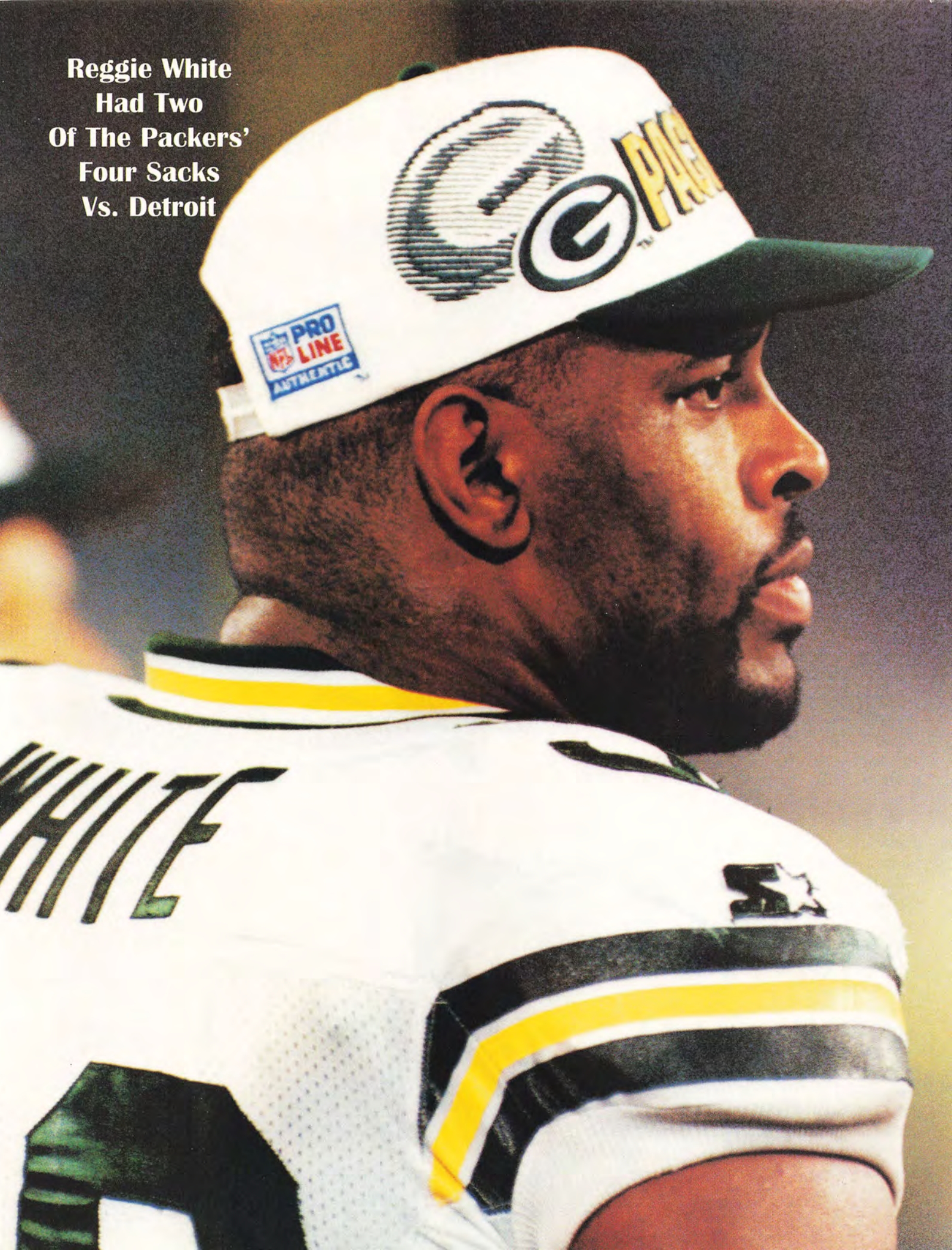
RUSHING	Green Bay:	Edgar Bennett 12-60, Dorsey Levens 11-39, William Henderson 1-9, Brett Favre 2-3
	Lions:	B. Sanders 21-78, S. Mitchell 1-2, R. Rivers 1--1
PASSING	Green Bay:	Brett Favre 16-25-1-240
	Lions:	S. Mitchell 23-40-1-207
RECEIVING	Green Bay:	Don Beebe 4-79, Antonio Freeman 3-60, Andre Rison 2-24, Mark Chmura 2-22, Dorsey Levens 2-18, Keith Jackson 1-35, Edgar Bennett 1-1, William Henderson 1-1
	Lions:	B. Perriman 8-77, J. Morton 6-40, H. Moore 5-50, A. Matthews 2-33, R. Rivers 1-9, B. Sanders 1-2
MISSED FIELD GOALS	Green Bay:	None
	Lions:	None



Left and Above: Packers fans look ahead to Super Bowl XXXI.

Right: Reggie shows his appreciation.

MARK WALLENFANG (5)


Reggie White
Had Two
Of The Packers'
Four Sacks
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Game Sixteen: Sunday, December 22, 1996

Green Bay 38, Minnesota 10

Brett Favre threw three scoring passes to set a team record and Dorsey Levens scored two touchdowns as the Green Bay Packers clinched home-field advantage throughout the playoffs.

The 38-10 victory over hated division rival Minnesota also avenged one of the Packers' three losses this season.

The Packers finished the 1996 regular season with a record of 13-3, their best since going 12-2 in 1966, the year they won Super Bowl I.

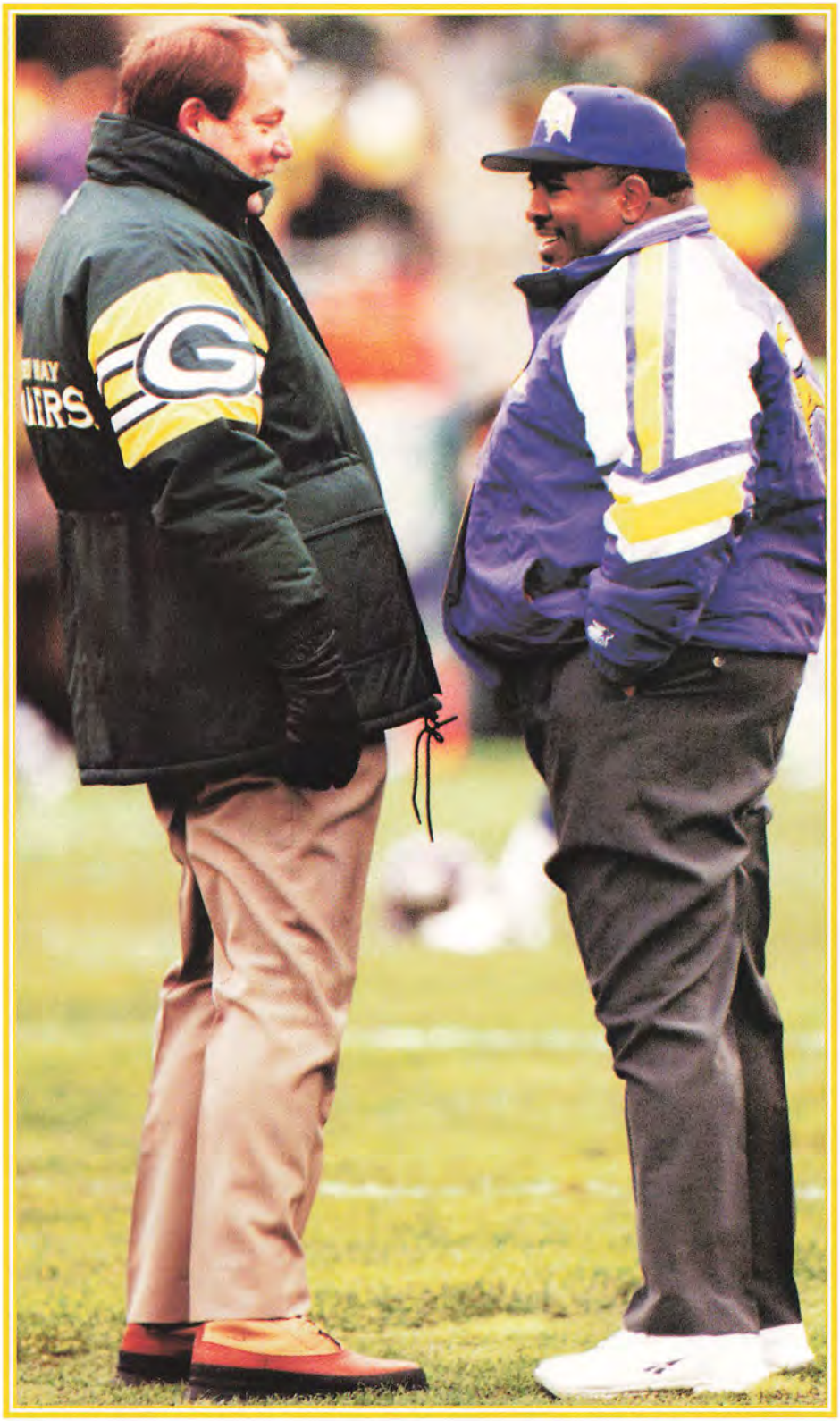
Favre's three scoring passes gave him 39 on the season, one more than his team record-setting performance of last year, when he was the league MVP.

Favre logged 77 touchdown passes in 1995 and 1996, the second-highest two-year total to Miami Dolphins quarterback Dan Marino's 78 in 1984 and 1985. Favre's 39 TD passes in 1996 gave him the third-highest single-season total in NFL history. Marino set the record with 48 in 1984 and threw 44 two seasons later.

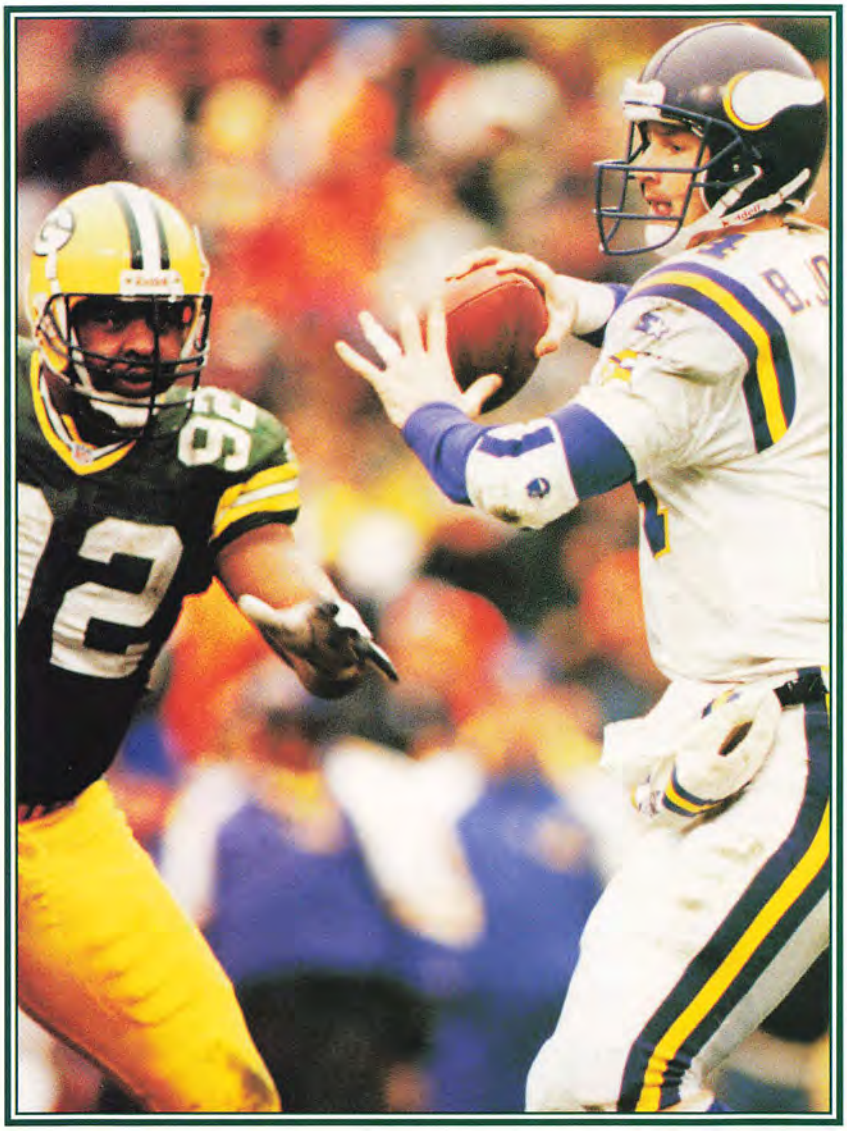
Green Bay, which outscored its opponents 456-210 during the 1996 season, became the first team since the 1972 Miami Dolphins to score the most points on offense and allow the fewest points on defense. The Packers also completed the season undefeated at home and extended their home winning streak to 15 games.

Favre's second touchdown pass of the game, a 13-yard strike to Levens, snapped a tie and gave Green Bay a 17-10 lead three minutes into the second half. He added touchdown passes of 22 and 23 yards to Andre Rison and Keith Jackson, respectively, giving Green Bay a 31-10 lead only five seconds into the fourth quarter.

Favre completed 15 of 23 passes for 202 yards without an interception. Edgar Bennett ran for 109 yards on 18 carries as the Packers rolled up 445 yards of total offense. The performance gave Bennett his first 100-yard game since October 29, 1995, and the sixth of his career.



Coaches Dennis Green and Mike Holmgren chat before the game.



Reggie White puts pressure on Minnesota QB Brad Johnson.

INSIDE THE NUMBERS

13-3

The Packers' 1996 regular season record, the team's best since the squad went 12-2 in 1966, the year it won Super Bowl I

39

Brett Favre's regular season touchdown total in 1996, one more than he had in '95

246

Number of points by which Green Bay outscored opponents in '96 (456-210)

Scoring Summary

Packers 38, Vikings 10

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Minnesota Vikings	7	3	0	0	10
Green Bay Packers	**7**	**3**	**14**	**14**	**38**

Qtr.	Team	Time	Scoring Play	Score
1	**Green Bay**	(7:10)	Edgar Bennett 5 yard TD RUN	7-0
1	Minnesota	(12:40)	Cris Carter 43 yard TD PASS from Brad Johnson	7-7
2	**Green Bay**	(9:53)	Chris Jacke 35 yard FIELD GOAL	10-7
2	Minnesota	(15:00)	Scott Sisson 34 yard FIELD GOAL	10-10
3	**Green Bay**	(3:00)	Dorsey Levens 13 yard TD PASS from Brett Favre	17-10
3	**Green Bay**	(8:55)	Andre Rison 22 yard TD PASS from Brett Favre	24-10
4	**Green Bay**	(0:05)	Keith Jackson 23 yard TD PASS from Brett Favre	31-10
4	**Green Bay**	(9:03)	Dorsey Levens 11 yard TD RUN	38-10

MARK WALLENFANG (2)

Game Sixteen

Packers 38, Vikings 10

Final Team Stats

	Vikings	**Packers**
First Downs	12	29
Rushes-Yards	17-49	41-233
Passing Yards	203	207
Return Yards	0	104
Comp-Att-Int	17-34-1	16-25-0
Sacks-Yards Lost	2-8	2-5
Punts-Average	8-41.9	3-41.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	3-2
Penalties-Yards	5-25	2-10
Time of Possession	22:50	37:10

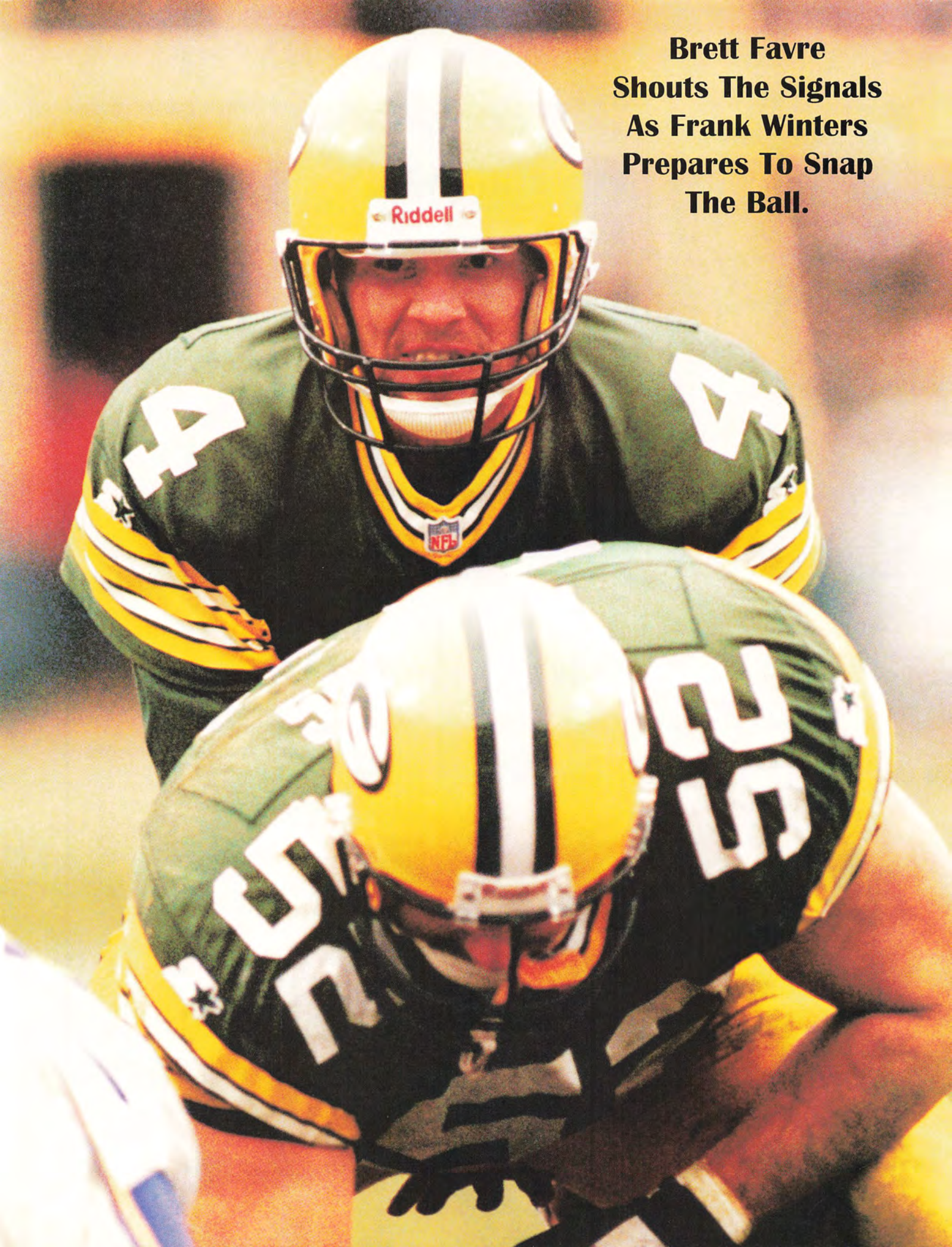
Keith Jackson spikes the ball after his 23-yard TD catch.

Individual Offensive Stats

RUSHING	Green Bay:	Edgar Bennett 18-109, Dorsey Levens 11-73, Travis Jervey 5-35, William Henderson 3-5, Brett Favre 2-10, Jim McMahon 2-1
	Minnesota:	L. Hoard 13-41, A. Lee 2-5, S. Graham 1-2, B. Johnson 1-1
PASSING	Green Bay:	Brett Favre 15-23-0-202, Jim McMahon 1-2-0-10
	Minnesota:	B. Johnson 17-34-1-211
RECEIVING	Green Bay:	Mark Chmura 4-43, Antonio Freeman 3-61, Andre Rison 3-46, Keith Jackson 2-33, William Henderson 2-21, Dorsey Levens 2-8
	Minnesota:	J. Reed 5-74, L. Hoard 4-46, C. Carter 3-46, C. Evans 2-22, A. Lee 2-20, D. Frisch 1-3
MISSED FIELD GOALS	Green Bay:	None
	Minnesota:	None

Andre Rison catches his first touchdown as a Packer during the game against Minnesota.

MARK WALLENFANG (4)



Brett Favre Shouts The Signals As Frank Winters Prepares To Snap The Ball.

Green Bay's Super Bowl History

SUPER BOWL I

Packers 35
Chiefs 10

January 15, 1967

Green Bay's Gale Gillingham (68) and Jim Weatherwax (73) play tough 'D' in Super Bowl I.

The Green Bay Packers opened the Super Bowl series by defeating the AFL champion Kansas City Chiefs behind the passing of Bart Starr, the receiving of Max McGee, and a key interception by safety Willie Wood.

Green Bay broke open the game with three second-half touchdowns, the first of which was set up by Wood's 50-yard interception return to the Chiefs' 5-yard line.

McGee, filling in for ailing Boyd Dowler after having caught only four passes all season, caught seven from Starr for 138 yards and two touchdowns.

Elijah Pitts ran for two other scores.

The Packers In 1966-67

Regular Season Record: **12-2**
Postseason Record: **2-0**

DATE	OPPONENT	WINNER	SCORE
9/10	Baltimore	Packers	24-3
9/18	at Cleveland	Packers	21-20
9/25	Los Angeles	Packers	24-13
10/2	Detroit	Packers	23-14
10/9	at San Fran.	49ers	21-20
10/16	at Chicago	Packers	17-0
10/23	Atlanta	Packers	56-3
10/30	at Detroit	Packers	31-7
11/6	Minnesota	Vikings	20-17
11/20	Chicago	Packers	13-6
11/27	at Minnesota	Packers	28-16
12/4	San Francisco	Packers	20-7
12/10	at Baltimore	Packers	14-10
12/18	at Los Angeles	Packers	27-23
1/1	at Dallas [1]	Packers	34-27
1/15	Kansas City [2]	Packers	35-10

1 – NFL Championship Game
2 – Super Bowl I at Los Angeles

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Super Bowl I Final Team Stats

	Packers	Chiefs
First Downs	21	17
Rushes-Yards	33-130	19-72
Passing Yards	228	167
Comp-Att-Int	16-24-1	17-32-1
Sacks-Yards Lost	3-22	6-61
Punts-Average	4-43	7-45
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	4-40	4-26

Scoring Summary
Packers 35, Chiefs 10

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Kansas City Chiefs	0	10	0	0	10
Green Bay Packers	**7**	**7**	**14**	**7**	**35**

Qtr.	Team	Scoring Play	Score
1	**Green Bay**	Max McGee 37 yard TD PASS from Bart Starr	7-0
2	Kansas City	Lee McClinton 7 yard TD PASS from Len Dawson	7-7
2	**Green Bay**	Jim Taylor 14 yard TD RUN	14-7
2	Kansas City	Mike Mercer 31 yard FIELD GOAL	14-10
3	**Green Bay**	Elijah Pitts 5 yard TD RUN	21-10
3	**Green Bay**	Max McGee 13 yard TD PASS from Bart Starr	28-10
4	**Green Bay**	Elijah Pitts 1 yard TD RUN	35-10

Green Bay fullback Jim Taylor (with ball) is upended by Kansas City defender Willie Mitchell during Super Bowl I.

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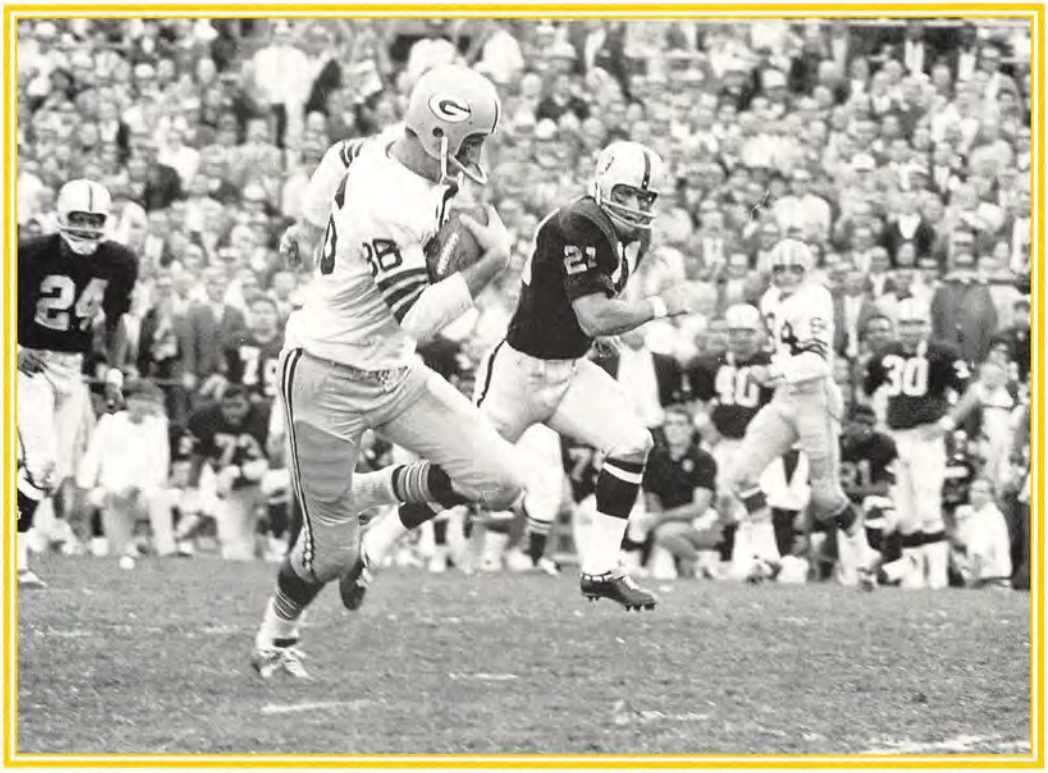
Green Bay's Super Bowl History

SUPER BOWL II

Packers 33
Raiders 14

January 14, 1968



Boyd Dowler races for a 62-yard touchdown against Oakland in Super Bowl II.

The Green Bay Packers won the Super Bowl for the second consecutive year by defeating the AFL champion Oakland Raiders.

Bart Starr, who completed 13 of 24 passes for 202 yards and one touchdown, was the title game's most valuable player again. He directed a Packers attack that was in control of the contest from the outset.

Don Chandler kicked four field goals, and cornerback Herb Adderley capped Green Bay's scoring with a 60-yard interception return.

The game was Vince Lombardi's last as the Packers' coach.

The Packers In 1967-68

Regular Season Record: **9-4-1**
Postseason Record: **3-0**

DATE	OPPONENT	WINNER	SCORE
9/17	Detroit	Tie	17-17
9/24	Chicago	Packers	13-10
10/1	Atlanta	Packers	23-0
10/8	at Detroit	Packers	27-17
10/9	at San Fran.	49ers	21-20
10/22	at N.Y. Giants	Packers	48-21
10/30	at St. Louis	Packers	31-23
11/5	at Baltimore	Colts	13-10
11/12	Cleveland	Packers	55-7
11/19	San Francisco	Packers	13-0
11/26	at Chicago	Packers	17-13
12/3	at Minnesota	Packers	30-27
12/9	at Los Angeles	Rams	27-24
12/17	Pittsburgh	Steelers	24-17
12/23	Los Angeles [1]	Packers	28-7
12/31	Dallas [2]	Packers	21-17
1/14	Oakland [3]	Packers	33-14

1 – Western Conference Championship Game
2 – NFL Championship Game
3 – Super Bowl II at Miami

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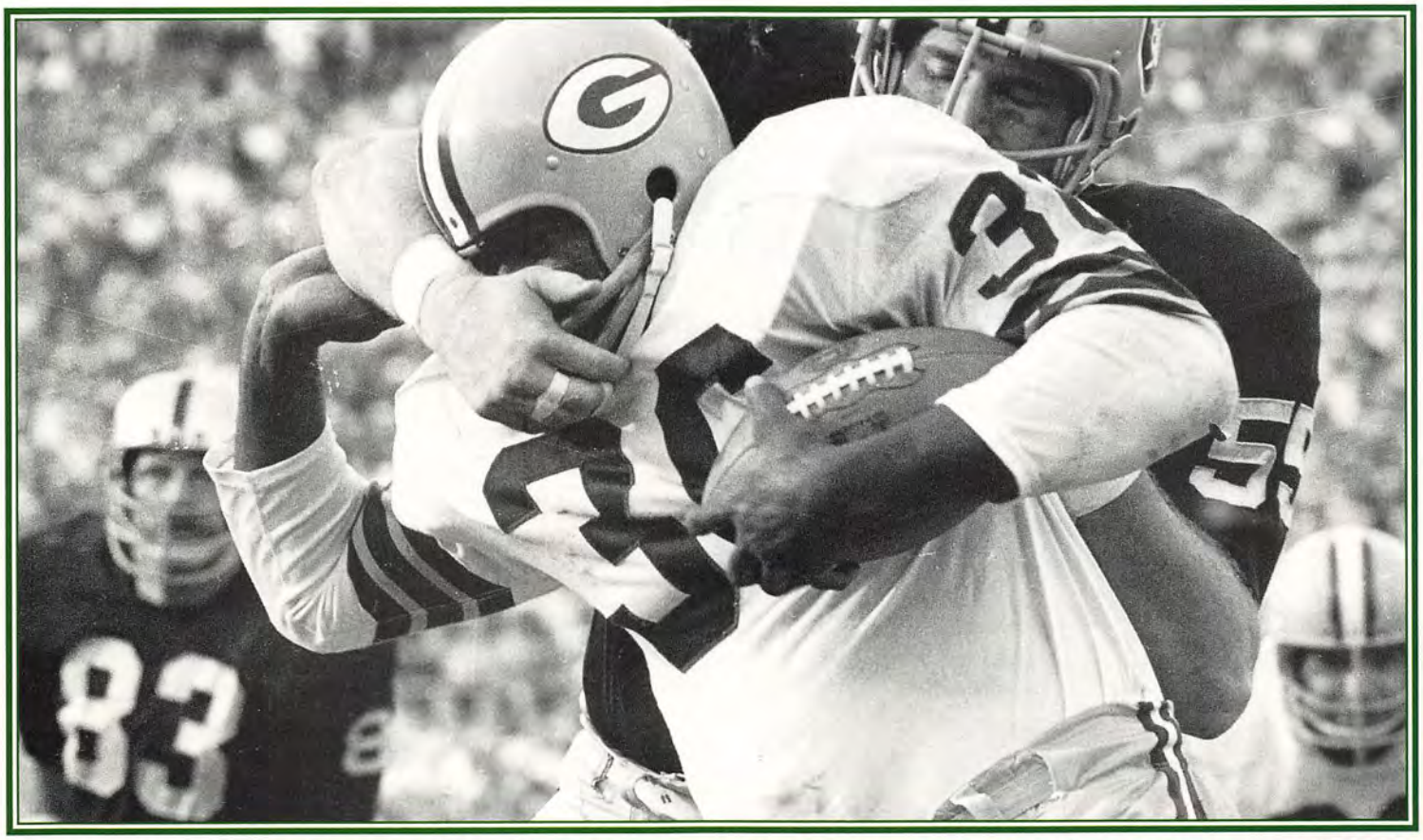
Super Bowl II Final Team Stats

	Packers	Raiders
First Downs	19	16
Rushes-Yards	41-160	20-107
Passing Yards	162	186
Comp-Att-Int	13-24-0	15-34-1
Sacks-Yards Lost	4-40	3-22
Punts-Average	6-39	6-44
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	3-2
Penalties-Yards	1-12	4-31

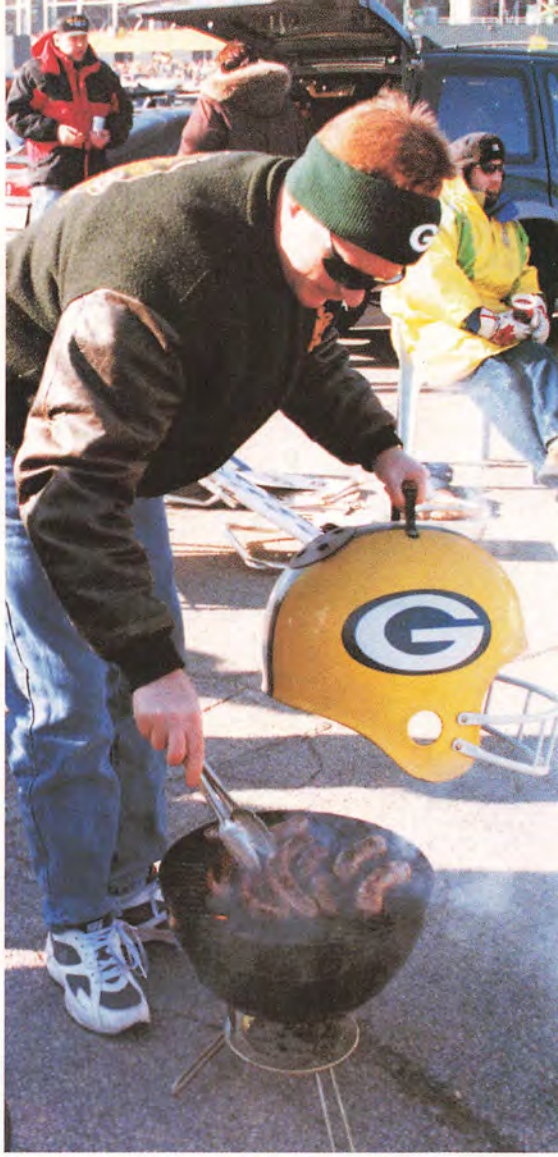
Scoring Summary
Packers 33, Raiders 14

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Green Bay Packers	**3**	**13**	**10**	**7**	**33**
Oakland Raiders	0	7	0	7	14

Qtr.	Team	Scoring Play	Score
1	**Green Bay**	Don Chandler 39 yard field goal	3-0
2	**Green Bay**	Don Chandler 20 yard field goal	6-0
2	**Green Bay**	Boyd Dowler 62 yard TD PASS from Bart Starr	13-0
2	**Oakland**	Bill Miller 23 yard TD PASS from Daryle Lamonica	13-7
2	**Green Bay**	Don Chandler 43 yard field goal	16-7
3	**Green Bay**	Donny Anderson 2 yard TD run	23-7
3	**Green Bay**	Don Chandler 31 yard field goal	26-7
4	**Green Bay**	Herb Adderley 60 yard INTERCEPTION RETURN for TD	33-7
4	**Oakland**	Bill Miller 23 yard TD PASS from Daryle Lamonica	33-14



Green Bay's Ben Wilson tries to break free of a face mask grab by Oakland's Dan Conners during action in Super Bowl II.



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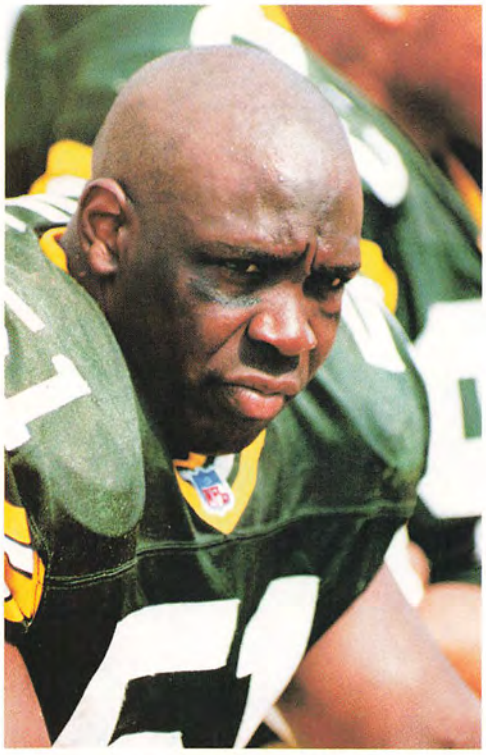

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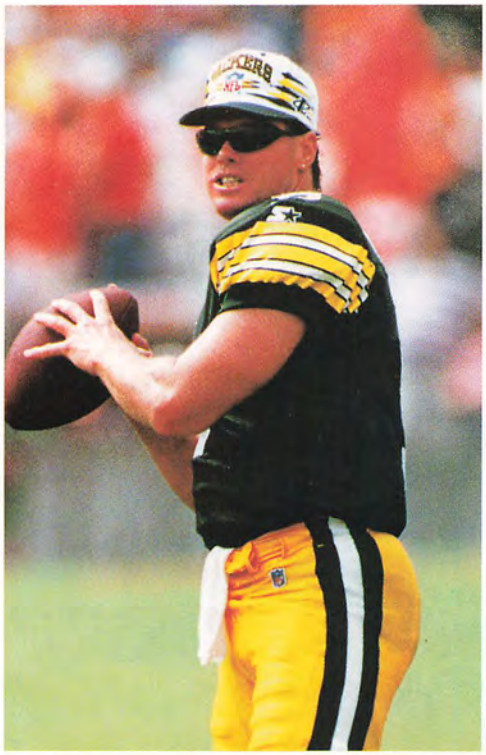

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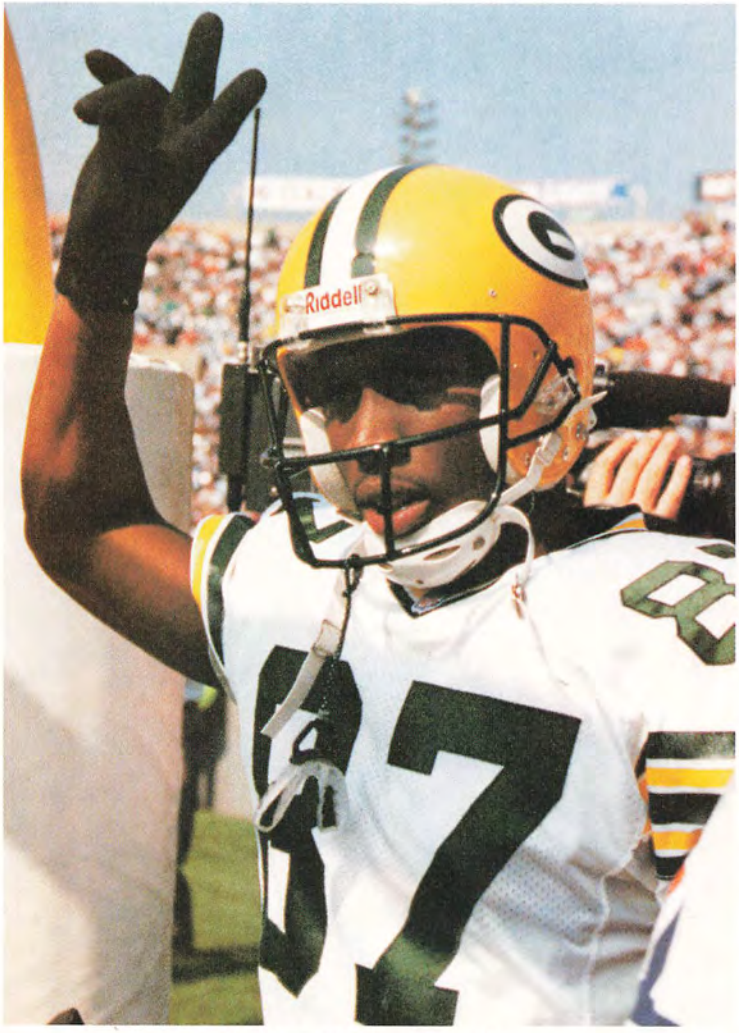

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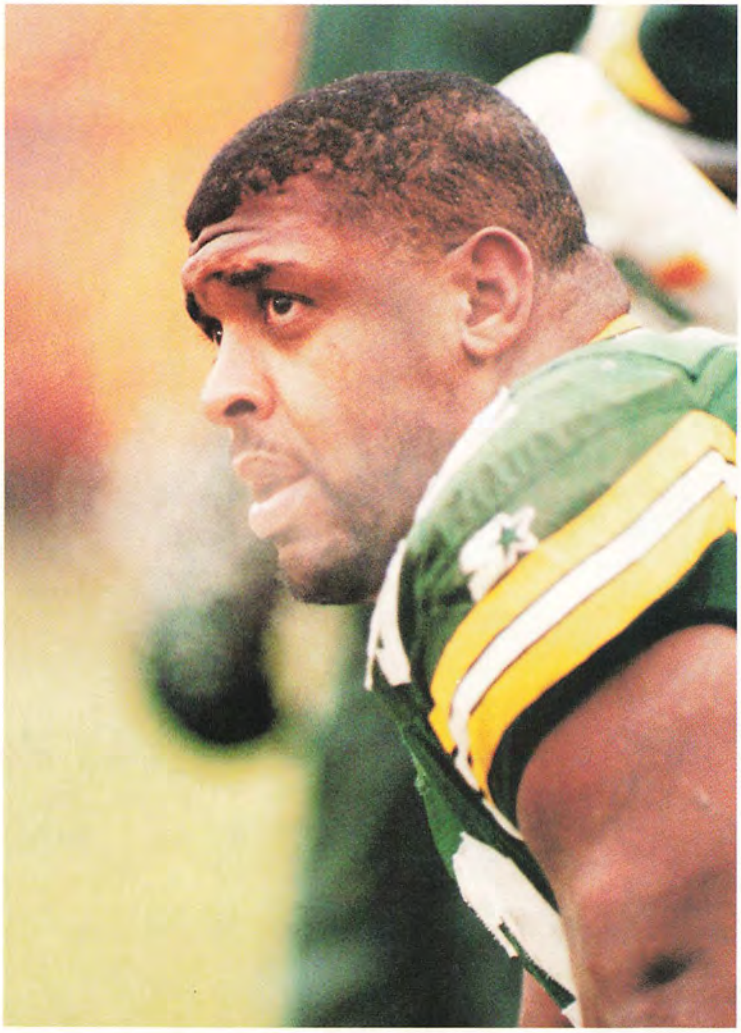

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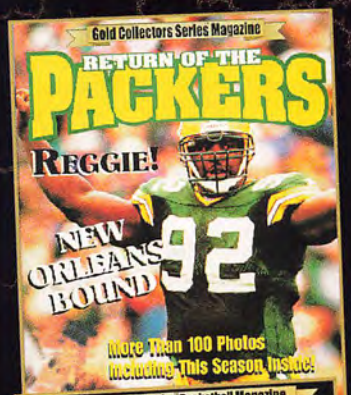

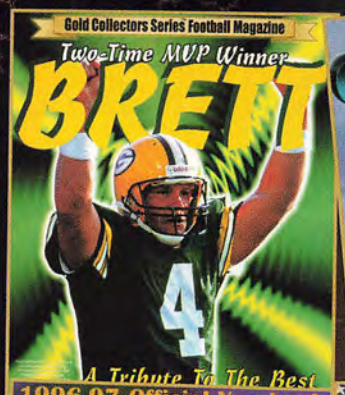

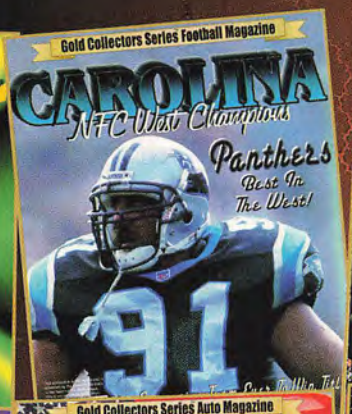

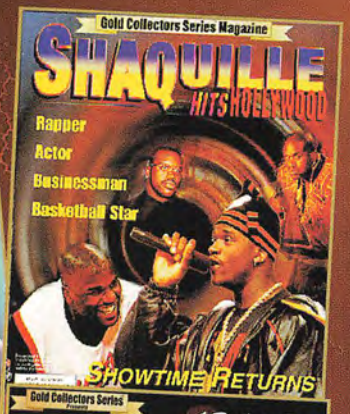

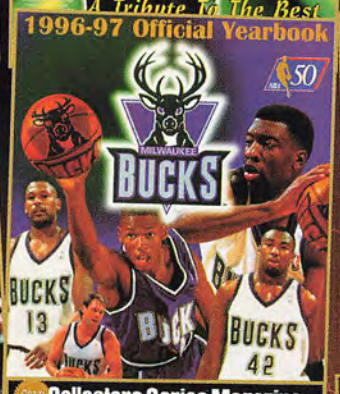

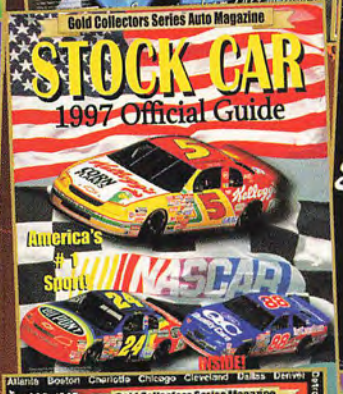

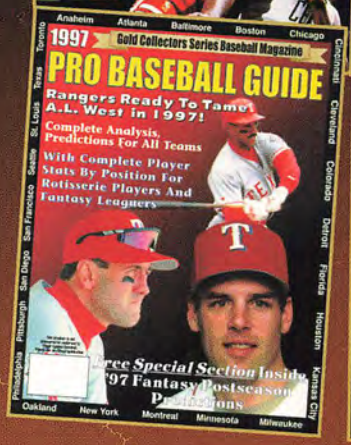
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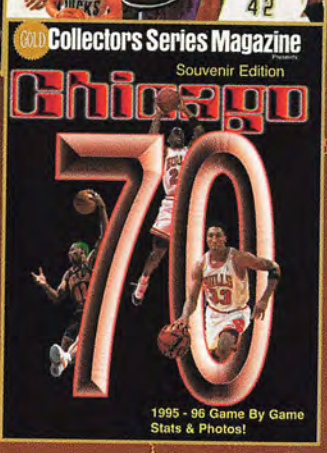

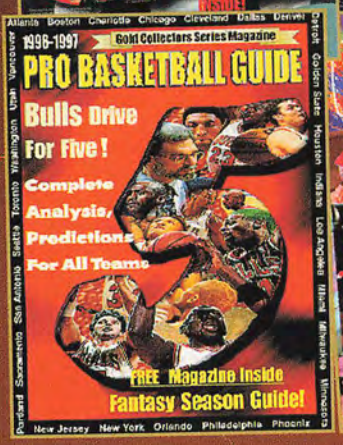
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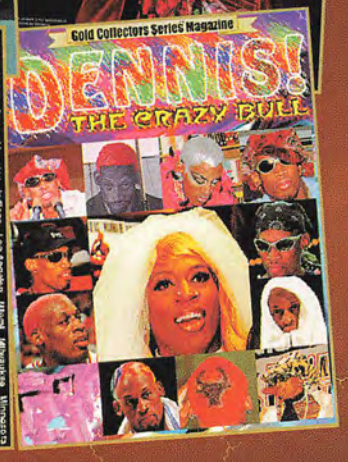

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PASSING

	G	ATT	CMP	PCT	YDS	TDS	INT
Brett Favre	16	543	325	59.9	3899	39	13
Jim Mcmahon	5	4	3	75.0	39	0	0
Craig Hentrich	16	1	0	0.0	0	0	0
TOTAL		548	328	59.9	3938	39	13

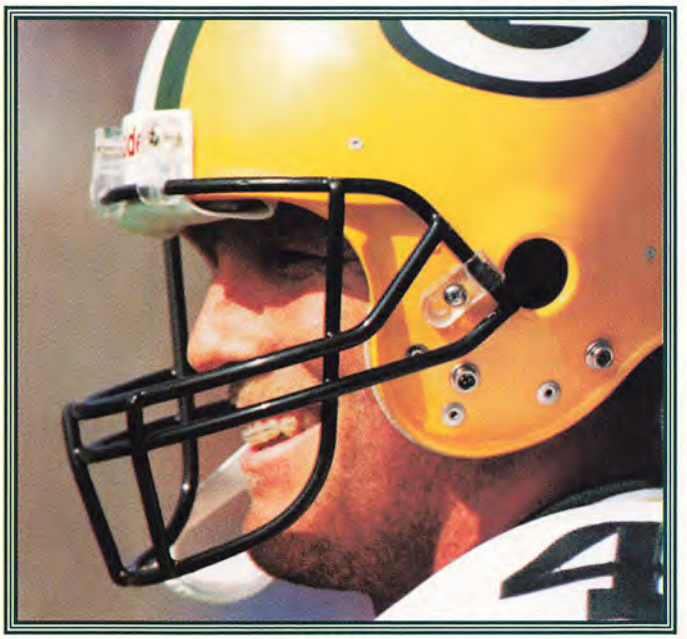
TOUCHDOWNS

	G	TDS	RUSH	REC	RET	PTS
Keith Jackson	16	10	0	10	0	60
Dorsey Levens	16	10	5	5	0	60
Antonio Freeman	12	9	0	9	0	54
Don Beebe	16	6	0	4	2	36
Robert Brooks	7	4	0	4	0	24
Edgar Bennett	16	3	2	1	0	18
Desmond Howard	16	3	0	0	3	18
Brett Favre	16	2	2	0	0	12
Derrick Mayes	7	2	0	2	0	12
Terry Mickens	8	2	0	2	0	12
Leroy Butler	16	1	0	0	1	6
Doug Evans	16	1	0	0	1	6
George Koonce	16	1	0	0	1	6
Andre Rison	5	1	0	1	0	6
William Henderson	16	1	0	1	0	6
TOTAL		56	9	39	8	336

RECEIVING

	G	REC	YDS	TDS
Antonio Freeman	12	56	933	9
Keith Jackson	16	40	505	10
Don Beebe	16	39	699	4
Dorsey Levens	16	31	226	5
Edgar Bennett	16	31	176	1
Mark Chmura	13	28	370	0
William Henderson	16	27	203	1
Robert Brooks	7	23	344	4
Terry Mickens	8	18	161	2
Andre Rison	5	13	135	1
Desmond Howard	16	13	95	0
Derrick Mayes	7	6	46	2
Jeff Thomason	16	3	45	0
TOTAL		328	3938	39

BRETT FAVRE



RUSHING

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Edgar Bennett	16	222	899	4.0	2
Dorsey Levens	16	121	566	4.7	5
Brett Favre	16	49	136	2.8	2
William Henderson	16	39	130	3.3	0
Travis Jervey	16	26	106	4.1	0
Robert Brooks	7	4	2	0.5	0
Jim Mcmahon	5	4	-1	-0.3	0
TOTAL		465	1838	4.0	9

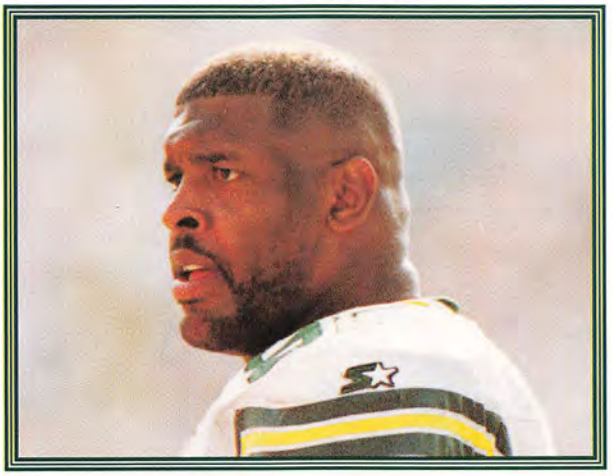
DON BEEBE

MARK WALLENFANG (6)

REGGIE WHITE

SACKS

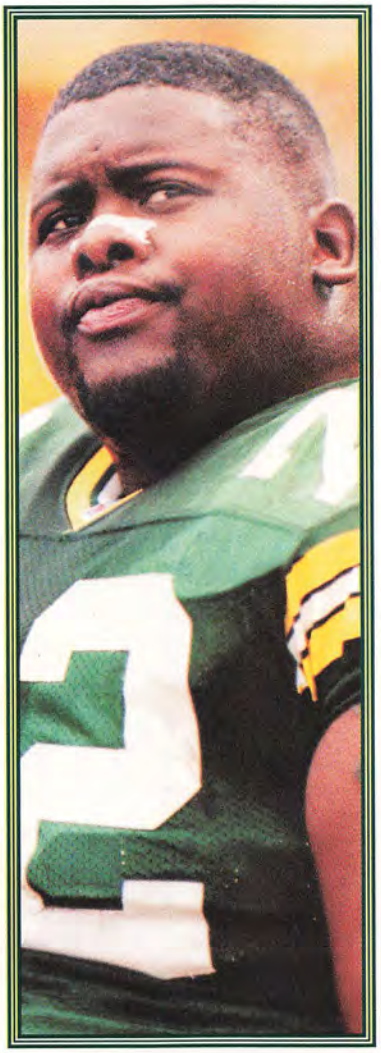
	G	SACKS
Reggie White	16	8.5
Santana Dotson	16	6.5
Leroy Butler	16	6.5
Sean Jones	15	5.0
Doug Evans	16	3.0
Gabe Wilkins	16	3.0
Wayne Simmons	16	1.0
Darius Holland	16	1.0
Gilbert Brown	15	1.0
Brian Williams	16	0.5
Keith Mckenzie	10	0.5
Shannon Clavelle	8	0.5
TOTAL		37.0



OPPONENT'S FUMBLES RECOVERED

	G	FUM
Reggie White	16	3
Brian Williams	16	3
Team	16	1
Leroy Butler	16	1
Sean Jones	15	1
George Koonce	16	1
Craig Newsome	16	1
Santana Dotson	16	1
Tyrone Williams	16	1
TOTAL		13

EARL DOTSON



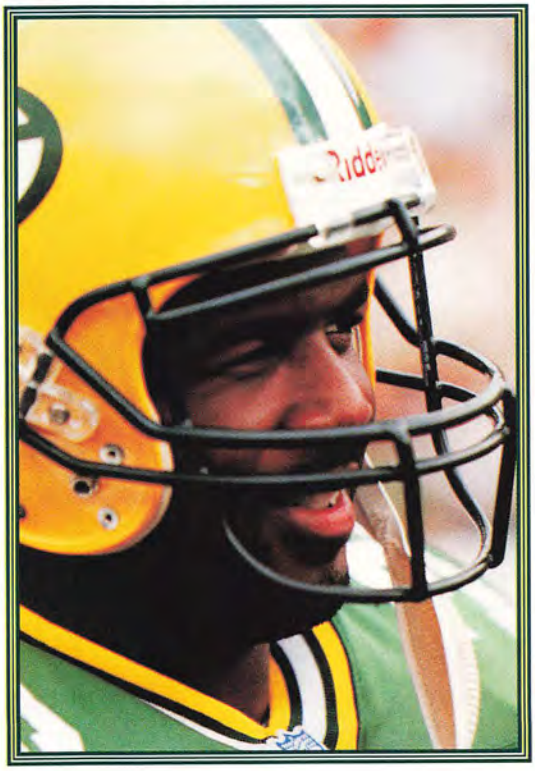
INTERCEPTIONS

	G	INT	YDS	TDS
Eugene Robinson	16	6	107	0
Leroy Butler	16	5	149	1
Doug Evans	16	5	102	1
George Koonce	16	3	84	1
Craig Newsome	16	2	22	0
Reggie White	16	1	46	0
Mike Prior	16	1	7	0
Corey Dowden	9	1	5	0
Lamont Hollinquest	16	1	2	0
Wayne Simmons	16	1	0	0
TOTAL		26	524	3

FUMBLES

	G	FUM	LOST
Brett Favre	16	11	4
Antonio Freeman	12	3	2
Travis Jervey	16	3	1
Edgar Bennett	16	2	1
Dorsey Levens	16	2	1
Reggie White	16	2	0
Desmond Howard	16	2	0
William Henderson	16	1	1
Don Beebe	16	1	1
Jim Mcmahon	5	1	0
Andre Rison	5	1	0
Mike Arthur	5	1	0
Terry Mickens	8	1	0
TOTAL		31	11

LEROY BUTLER



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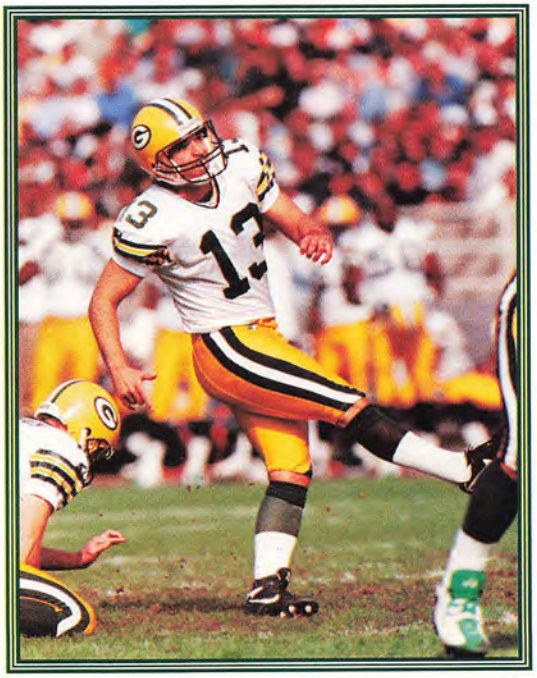
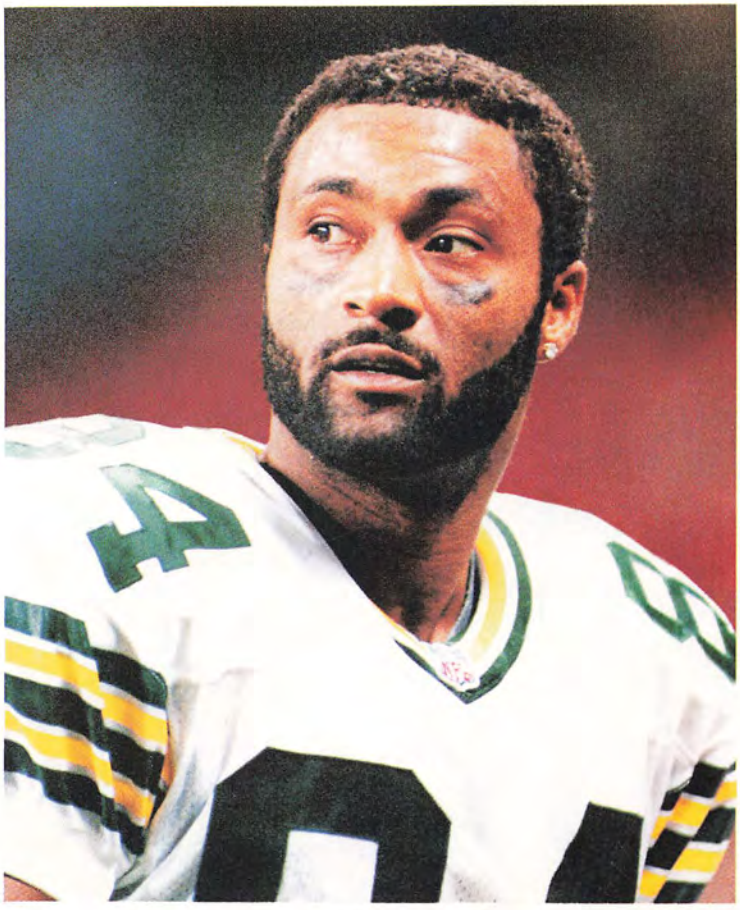


KICKING

	PAT	FG	PTS
Chris Jacke	51/53	21/27	114
TOTAL	51/53	21/27	114



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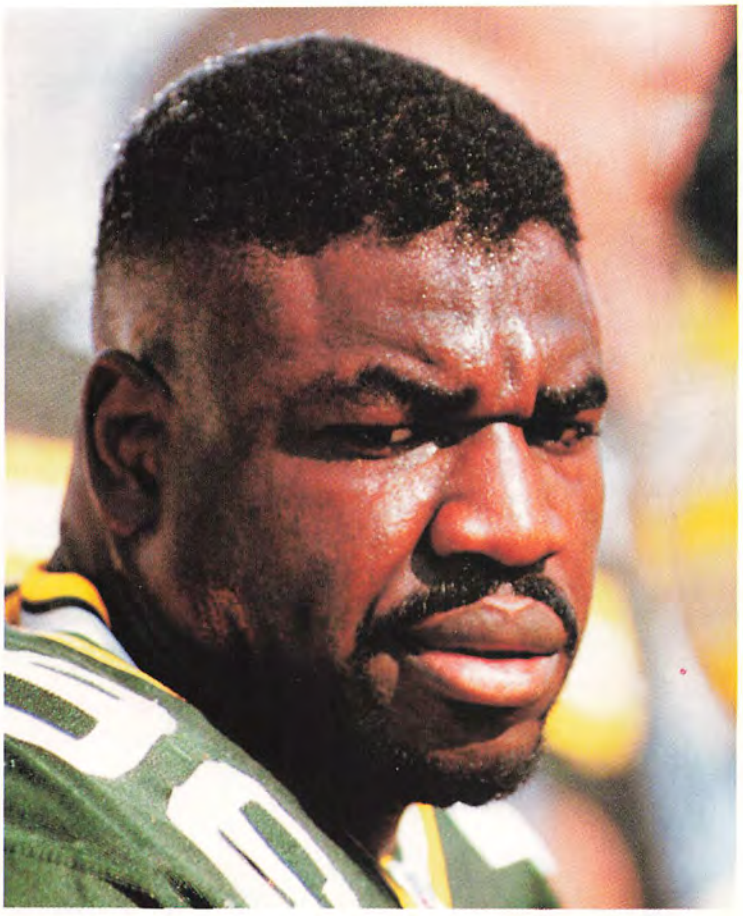

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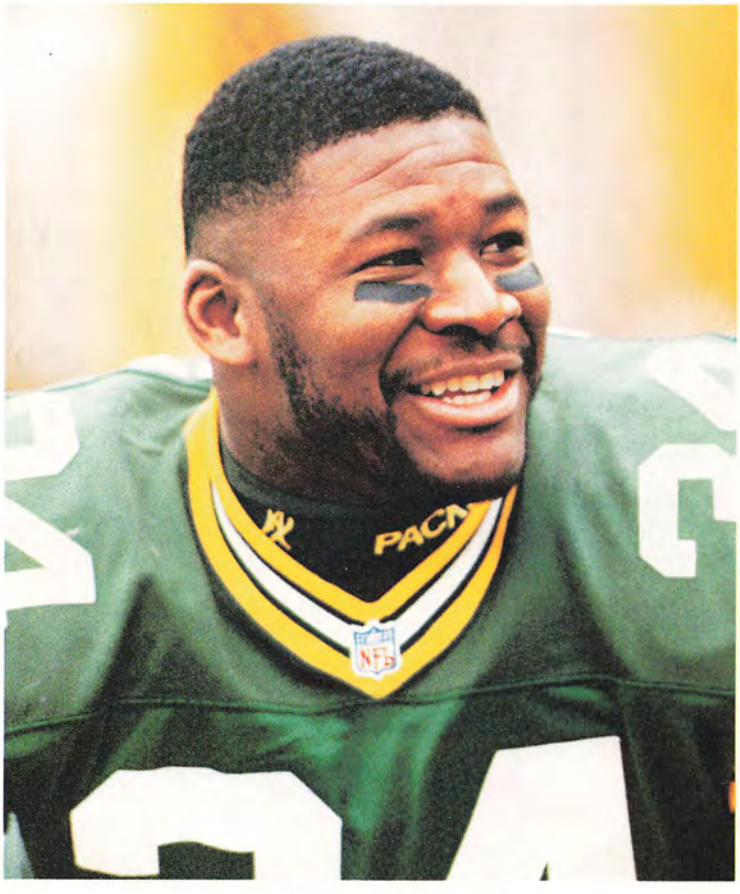

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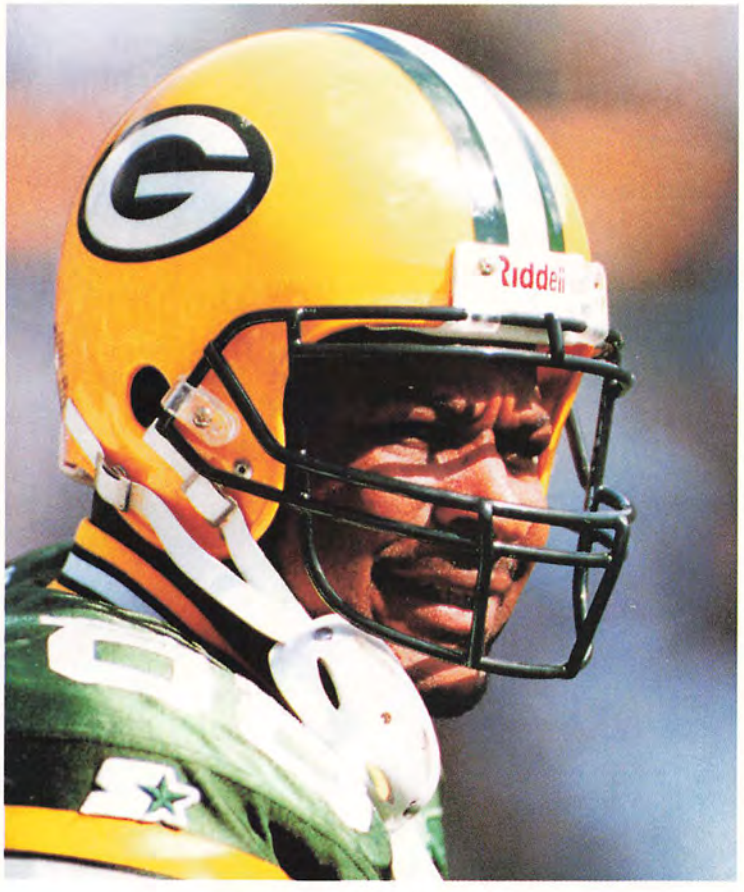

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